





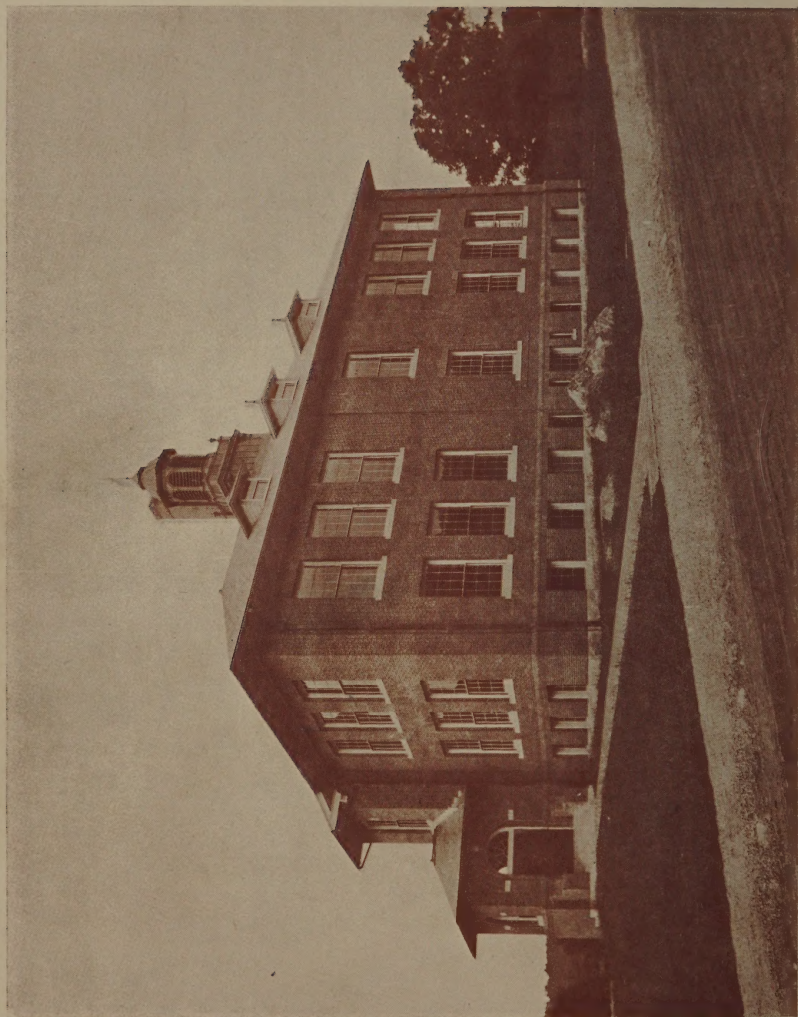
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Thirtieth Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1915.

MILFORD, MASS.

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1916.

TOWN OFFICERS.

*Selectmen, Overseers of Poor,
Board of Health and Fence Viewers.*

E. A. DARLING, L. B. GASKILL, S. E. KELLOGG.

Town Clerk.
WM. H. JORDAN.

Treasurer.
E. D. BANCROFT.

Tax Collector.
EUGENE S. NEWHALL.

Auditor.
ADIN A. MESSINGER.

Assessors.
WM. W. KNIGHTS, Term expires 1916.
H. A. BILLINGS, Secretary, Term expires 1917.
W. S. HAGUE, Chairman, Term expires 1918.

School Committee.
FRANK J. DUTCHER, Term expires 1916.
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER, Term expires 1917.
JOSEPH L. REMINGTON, JR., Term expires 1918.

Trustees of Public Library.
FRANK H. FRENCH, Term expires 1916.
ANNA M. BANCROFT, Term expires 1917.
HANNAH T. OSCOOD, Term expires 1918.

Road Commissioners.

CHARLES E. PIERCE, Term expires 1916.
 GEORGE A. DRAPER, Term expires 1917.
 DANA OSGOOD, Term expires 1918.

Park Commissioners.

CHARLES F. ROPER, Term expires 1916.
 FRANK S. CLARK, Term expires 1917.
 FRANK J. DUTCHER, Term expires 1918.

Constables.

ARCHIBALD E. BECK, WALTER F. DURGIN, HIRAM B. LEONARD,
 THOMAS F. MATTHEWS, *ARTHUR I. CANON.

Field Drivers.

NORMAN HENRY, ALBION H. FRENCH,
 FRANK GASKILL.

Tree Warden.

CHARLES E. NUTTING.

Surveyor of Lumber.

BENJAMIN L. HODGDON.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN.

Engineers of Fire Department.

SAMUEL E. KELLOGG, Chief.
 CHARLES E. PIERCE, 1st Assistant.
 JOSEPH B. CHAPIN, Clerk and Treasurer.

*Deceased.

Police Officers.

S. E. KELLOGG, Chief.

WARREN F. GASKILL,	SAMUEL OLIVANT,	GEO. W. JENKINS,
E. A. SHERMAN,	J. N. NUTTER,	W. N. PRENTISS,
F. W. REDGRAVE,	J. P. DURGIN,	W. G. AUSTIN,
F. S. CLARK,	EDGAR BACON,	G. H. PICKARD,
F. B. SWEET,	GEO. E. DRAPER,	H. E. BROWN,
MARK WOODBINE,	W. H. FRENCH,	ROSWELL LOOK,
E. J. MOOREHOUSE,	WARREN WILLIAMS,	J. W. HICKS,
CARL FORCE,	C. J. W. NEALLEY,	R. F. PEASE,
LEON HAMMOND,	JOS. W. GIBBS,	GEO. BAILEY,
J. J. O'NEIL,	SAMUEL GASKILL,	WM. H. COX,
JAMES KILLION,	CHAS. W. WHEELER,	HARLAN H. HART,
WILMER KNIGHT,	WM. H. HATCH,	WALTER R. MEADE,
	CHAS. F. AUSTIN.	

Forest Warden.

WALTER F. DURGIN.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

WALTER F. DURGIN,	A. A. WESTCOTT,	W. H. BARNEY,
ALBION H. FRENCH,		F. A. CARD.

Public Weighers.

A. A. WESTCOTT,	W. H. BARNEY,
F. A. CARD,	RALPH OWEN.

Fire Police.

HIRAM B. LEONARD.

Weighers of Coal.

W. H. BARNEY,

F. A. CARD.

Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering.

FRANK GASKILL.

Inspector of Meats and Provisions.

*ARTHUR I. CANON.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES W. WHEELER.

Town Counsel.

WENDELL WILLIAMS.

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

CHARLES W. ARRAND.

Agent of Board of Health to Sign Burial Permits.

WM. H. JORDAN.

Registrars of Voters.

W. H. GRAYSON, Term expires 1916.

G. RUSSELL GOFF, Term expires 1917.

HENRY MARKHAM, Term expires 1918.

WM. H. JORDAN, Clerk.

Dog Officer.

WALTER F. DURGIN.

Superintendent of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Extermination.

WALTER F. DURGIN.

*Deceased. Walter A. Watson appointed to fill out unexpired year.

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Superintendent of Schools.

F. G. ATWELL.

Truant Officers.

WARREN F. GASKILL,

HARLAN H. HART,

WM. H. HATCH,

F. G. ATWELL,

JOS. W. GIBBS.

School Physician.

M. W. KNIGHT, M. D.

APPOINTED BY PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Superintendent of Parks.

WALTER F. DURGIN.

APPOINTED BY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Librarian.

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Town Records.

Hopedale, Mass., Feb. 9, 1915.

Selectmen, E. A. Darling and S. E. Kellogg, Constable W. F. Durgin, and Town Clerk, W. H. Jordan, met at Selectmen's Room, Town Hall, February 9, 1915 at 7.30 o'clock P.M when Selectman S. E. Kellogg, drew from the Juror Box the name of Hamblet E. Dewing, by occupation a market gardener, to serve as Traverse Juror, at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester, within and for our County of Worcester, on the first Monday in March next, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss:

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the First day of March, next, punctually at 9 o'clock in the forenoon (the polls may be closed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting) to act upon the following articles, namely.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing, including the following officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, Selectmen, one Road Commissioner for three years, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, Fence Viewers, one Assessor to serve for two years to fill vacancy, and one to serve three years, one member of the School Committee to serve for three years, five Constables, one Trustee of Public Library to serve three years, one Park Commissioner to serve three years, one Tree Warden to serve for one year, and a Surveyor of Lumber for one year; also to bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, and any other officers and committees of said Town.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1916, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1916.

Article 7. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate from any funds of the Town available therefor, or raise and appropriate, for the purpose of completing the new school building, and grading and fixing the lot of land on which it is located, or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 8. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate from any funds of the Town available therefor, or raise and appropriate, for the purpose of equipping and furnishing the new school building, or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate from any

funds of the Town available therefor, or raise and appropriate, such sum as may be necessary to pay the damages awarded by the Road Commissioners in the laying out of Jones Road (North end and South end), Inman Street, Beech Street, Maple Street, Oak Street and Elm Street, or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to re-surface Hope-dale Street or any part thereof, raise and appropriate money therefor, and authorize the Board of Road Commissioners to make a contract or contracts relating to the same, or take any action in regard to the foregoing.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to repair Hope Street Bridge, and authorize the Board of Road Commissioners to make any contract or contracts relating to the same, raise and appropriate money therefor, or take any other action relative to the foregoing.

Article 12. To hear the report of the committee of the Town heretofore appointed on the matter of additional accommodations for the Town's fire apparatus, and to see if the Town will vote to acquire land and erect any building or buildings for the purpose of accommodating the Town's fire apparatus and appropriate money from any funds of the Town available therefor, or raise and appropriate money for the purpose, appoint any committee or officers of the Town to have charge of the acquiring of land and the erection of any building or buildings, and to authorize such committee or officers to make contracts relating thereto, and take any other action in relation to any of the foregoing.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its building committee or any officer or officers of the Town to sell and dispose of its present fire station and the land on which the same is situated, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen or any committee or officers of the Town to make a contract with the Draper Company or any individual or corporation relative to furnishing electric current for lighting and other purposes to be used in connection with the new fire station to

be erected on Dutcher Street, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will appropriate sixty (60) dollars toward defraying the expenses of Memorial day.

Article 16. To see what disposition the Town will make of money refunded from the county on account of the dog tax.

Article 17. To see what compensation the Town will allow the collector of taxes for his services.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote that all taxes shall be payable on or before September 1st of its financial year, and all taxes remaining unpaid on October 1st shall bear interest from said September 1st at the rate of six per cent. per year; or take any other action in relation to the payment of said taxes and interest thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town.

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to continue work in connection with a map of the Town, raise and appropriate money therefor, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to locate any street light or street lights on Daniels Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or take any action in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 16th day of February, A. D. 1915.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest :

WALTER F. DURGIN,
CONSTABLE OF HOPEDALE.

Hopedale, March 1, 1915.

I have complied with the requirements of this warrant by posting attested copies in the several places herein named.

WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable of Hopedale.

A true copy of the Warrant and return thereon.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 1, 1915.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs met at Town Hall, and punctually at nine o'clock in the forenoon were called to order by the clerk of said town, who read the warrant, and under:

Article 1. Mr. F. J. Dutcher was chosen Moderator with the use of the check list.

Article 2. Voted: That the town proceed to vote for the necessary town officers by ballot all upon one ballot; namely Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, Selectmen, one Road Commissioner for three years, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, Fence Viewers, one assessor to serve for two years to fill vacancy, one to serve three years, one member of the School Committee to serve for three years, five constables, one Trustee of Public Library to serve three years, one Park Commissioner to serve three years, one Tree Warden to serve for one year, and a Surveyor of Lumber for one year; and also to bring in their ballots, "Yes" or "No" in

answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

Article 3. Voted: Unanimously, that the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, and all other officers of the town be accepted as printed.

Article 4. Voted: That the chair appoint a Finance Committee of nine, who shall retire and recommend a list of appropriations for the year ensuing.

The chair appointed the following to serve on this committee:

E. A. Darling,	E. D. Bancroft,	F. H. French
Dana Osgood,	C. E. Pierce,	G. A. Draper
L. B. Gaskill,	W. -S. Hague,	F. J. Dutcher.

Voted: To accept the report of the above committee as read by the Secretary, Dana Osgood, and to act upon the same item by item.

Voted: Unanimously, to raise and appropriate for heating, care, teaching, supplies, text books, improvements, repairs and supervision of schools, the sum of \$19,500 00

For support of Library (exclusive of dog tax)....	3,000 00
For Highway Department, including sidewalks and watering streets	8,000 00
For Fire Department, general account	4,000 00
For Fire Department new hose	400 00
For Fire Department, forest fires,	100 00
For Incidental Department,	6,000 00
For Water for fire purposes,	3,150 00
For Street Lighting account,	4,800 00
For Interest account,	600 00
For Town Hall account,	500 00
For State and County Tax,	30,000 00
For use of Tree Warden,	750 00
For Poor Department,	2,000 00
For Board of Health,	300 00
For Park Commissioners,	2,500 00

Article 5. Voted: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 6. Voted: That the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money on and after January 1, 1916, to an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1916, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1916.

Article 7. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate, in addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the further sum of \$23,500.00, for the completion of the new school building, and the grading and fixing of the lot on which the same is located.

Article 8. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be expended under the direction of the School House Building Committee in furnishing and equipping the new school building.

Article 9. Voted: That the Town appropriate \$25,367.63 from the balance remaining unused of the last annual assessment arising from the assessment of omitted property under provisions of the Statute of 1909, Chapter 490, Part 1, paragraph 85, for the payment of damages awarded to the Draper Company by the Road Commissioners in the laying out of Jones Road (North end and South end) Inman Street, Beech Street, Maple Street, Oak Street, and Elm Street.

Article 10. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00, to be expended by the Road Commissioners in the re-surfacing of Hopedale Street, and that the said board be and hereby is authorized to make any contract or contracts that it may deem wise relating to the same.

Article 11. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the repair of Hope Street Bridge, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Road Commissioners, and that said board be and hereby is authorized to make any contract or contracts relating to the same that it may deem wise.

Article 12. Report of Committee appointed to consider the matter of additional accommodation for the Town's Fire Apparatus.

Your present committee was appointed at the Town Meeting of June 26th, 1914.

Your committee, which is in effect a continuation of older committees, has only considered the construction of a new building to house the town fire department in a new location, since on its present location it would be difficult to obtain such increased land as would be necessary for enlarging the present building or constructing a new one.

Your committee has taken up this matter of location with care. There is only one unoccupied lot available in the centre of the town and near the works of the Draper Company, which are the most important premises to be protected by its fire department. This land is located on Dutcher Street, between Social and Chapel Streets at the rear of the Draper Company office.

The Draper Company has agreed to deed to the town about 14,000 feet of land on the corner of Dutcher and Social Streets, approximately 100 feet on Dutcher Street and 140 feet on Social Street and to take in exchange the lot on which the present hose house is located and containing about 3700 feet of land together with the building thereon.

Your committee is of the opinion, first ; that the Draper Company property is of greater value than the property which they offer to take in exchange. Second ; that there is no other available location for a hose house which can be taken without demolishing buildings and incurring large additional and useless expense to the town.

Your Committee has purchased from three approved architects preliminary drawings and plans for a suitable building for fire apparatus. They selected the plans presented by Mr. Robert Allen Cook. Having selected these plans they have further employed

Mr. Cook to make full working plans and specifications, and have obtained bids from 14 different builders and contractors.

Your committee has discussed with the Draper Company the subject of furnishing electricity for lighting, and a contract can be made with the Draper Company which will be to the advantage of the town.

We recommend that the town authorize the sale to the Draper Company of the lot of land now occupied by its hose house together with the hose house, and the purchase from the Draper Company of about 14,000 ft. of land on the corner of Dutcher and Social Streets. The sale and purchase to be made for the same price.

We recommend the adoption of the plans and specifications for a building to be located on the lot at the corner of Dutcher and Social Streets as presented and the erection of such building.

We further recommend that a contract be made with the Draper Company to furnish electric light for said building and that all necessary appropriations be made to carry out these recommendations.

GEO. A. DRAPER, Chairman.

E. A. DARLING, Secretary.

Hopedale, Mass., Feb. 26, 1915.

Voted: That the report of the committee be and hereby is accepted, and that the town acquire by purchase or otherwise from the Draper Company, the land situated on Dutcher Street recommended in said report, and erect thereon a building for the accommodation of the fire apparatus of the town and other suitable town purposes, and that the same committee be and hereby are constituted a committee of the town with full authority to purchase or otherwise acquire said land, and to provide plans and erect a building thereon, and furnish and equip the same, and that the sum of \$50,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated therefor; any balance that remains after the appropriation under Article 9 from the balance remaining unused of the last annual assessment arising from the assessment of omitted property under the provisions of the Statute of 1909, Chapter 490, Part 1, Paragraph 85, being appropriated toward aforesaid appropriation, and the balance of

aforesaid appropriation to be raised in the assessment for the current year; and said committee is hereby authorized and empowered to make all contracts in behalf of the town in relation to the foregoing that it may deem wise.

Article 13. Voted: That the committee appointed under the preceding Article 12 of this Warrant be and hereby is authorized to sell or dispose of by exchange, in acquiring the land on Dutcher Street that is to be used for the erection of the building referred to in said article, or otherwise, the present fire station of the town and the land on which the same is situated.

Article 14. Voted: That the board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to make in behalf of the town any contract with the Draper Company that it may deem for the interests of the town, providing for said company to furnish electric current for lighting and other purposes for the building to be erected on Dutcher Street such contract to be for a term not exceeding ten years.

Article 15. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$60.00 to defray the expenses of Memorial Day, said amount to be paid Post 22, G. A. R.

Article 16. Voted: To turn over to the Library the money refunded to the town from the County on account of the dog tax.

Article 17. Voted: That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the year 1915 be \$275.00, all expense connected with the collection of taxes for the year 1915 to be borne by the town and paid from the appropriation for the Incidental Department.

Article 18. Voted: That all taxes for the current year shall be payable on or before September 1st, 1915, and that all taxes remaining unpaid on October 1st, 1915, shall bear interest from said September 1st, at the rate of six per cent. per year.

Article 19. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town.

Article 20. Voted: That the town authorize the Selectmen to continue work in connection with a map of the town, and that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated therefor.

Article 21. Voted: That the Town authorize the location of a street light on Daniels Street, and that the sum of \$22.50 be raised and appropriated therefor.

Voted: That the polls be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Punctually at one o'clock the polls were declared closed, the ballots cast were counted, the result declared as follows:

License. "Yes" 3. "No" 84.

There were 96 ballots cast for each of the following town officers, and same were declared elected.

Town Clerk, Wm. H. Jordan.

Treasurer, E. D. Bancroft.

Collector, Eugene S. Newhall.

Auditor, A. A. Messinger.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health and Fence Viewers, E. A. Darling, L. B. Gaskill, S. E. Kellogg.

Assessor for three years, Wm. S. Hague.

Assessor for two years, Harry A. Billings.

Road Commissioner, 3 years, Dana Osgood.

School Committee, 3 years, Joseph L. Remington, Jr.

Trustee of Town Library, 3 years, Hannah T. Osgood.

Constables, Archibald E. Beck, Walter F. Durgin, Thomas F. Matthews, H. B. Leonard, Arthur I. Canon.

Field Drivers, Norman S. Henry, Albion H. French, Frank Gaskill.

Tree Warden, C. E. Nutting.

Park Commissioner, 3 years, Frank J. Dutcher.

Surveyor of Lumber, Benj. L. Hodgdon.

Of the above named town officers, the following were present and sworn by the Moderator to the faithful performance of their

duties:—E. A. Darling, L. B. Gaskill, S. E. Kellogg, Wm. H. Jordan, Walter F. Durgin.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

April 2, 1915.

This is to certify that M. Sneiderman of 158 W. Spruce Street, Milford, was this day granted a Junk License by the Selectmen of this town.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

April 2, 1915.

This is to certify that Sam Rosenfeld of Medway was this day granted a Junk License by the Selectmen of this Town.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

April 6, 1915.

This is to certify that I have this day appointed Wm. S. Hague as Assistant Town Clerk, and that he is duly qualified for said office.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

May 17, 1915.

This is to certify that a Sixth Class Liquor License was this

day granted Josiah J. Gibbs, druggist, Harrison Block, Hopedale, (to expire May 1, 1916) by the Selectmen of said town.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.
May 22, 1915.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

This is to certify, that a Permit has been granted to Adams Express Company, Depot Street, to transport Spirituous or Intoxicating Liquors into or in the Town of Hopedale until the first day of May, 1916.

By the Selectmen:—

E. A. DARLING,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss:

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified

by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the Fourteenth day of June, current, punctually at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles, namely.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that highway known as Water Street, which extends northerly from land of Henry L. Patrick across the westerly end of Depot street to land of the Grafton and Upton Railroad Company.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, the 5th day of June, A. D. 1915.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:

WALTER F. DURGIN,
CONSTABLE OF HOPEDALE.

Hopedale, June 14, 1915.

I have complied with the requirements of this Warrant by posting attested copies in the several places herein named.

WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable of Hopedale.

TOWN MEETING, JUNE 14, 1915.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in town affairs, met at Town Hall, and punctually at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, were called to order by the Clerk of said town, who read the Warrant, and under

Article 1. Mr. F. J. Dutcher was chosen Moderator.

Article 2. Voted: Unanimously, that that highway known as Water Street, which extends northerly from land of Henry L. Patrick across the westerly end of Depot Street to land of the Grafton & Upton Railroad Company be and is hereby discontinued.

Voted: To adjourn

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

Board of Selectmen.

To Mr. James Newton.

You are hereby licensed to keep a pool room in Harrison Block, Hopedale Street, Hopedale, for hire, gain or reward, to be used for amusement merely, but not for the purpose of gaming for money or other property and subject to the provisions of Chapter 102, Sections 168 to 171 inclusive, of the Revised Laws, and amendments thereto. This license unless sooner revoked by the Board of Selectmen, shall terminate on the first day of May, 1916, and is granted upon the condition that the licensee shall keep this license

posted in a conspicuous place upon the licensed premises, and shall not keep open later than 11.30 o'clock P. M.

E. A. DARLING,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

June 21, 1915.

Received and recorded in the records of the Town of Hopedale on June 21, 1915.

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Revised Laws, Chapter 102, Sec. 170, as amended by Acts of 1908, Chapter 368.

"The keeper of a billiard, pool or Sippio room or table or bowling alley, or place in which pictures are displayed upon the deposit of money in a mechanical device known as the nickel-in-the-slot machine or penny-in-the-slot machine, or in any similiar device for displaying pictures, who admits a minor thereto without the written consent of his parent or guardian shall forfeit ten dollars for the first and twenty dollars for each subsequent offence."

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

Board of Selectmen.

To Messrs. Smith & Son.

You are hereby licensed to keep a Bowling Alley in the rear of Harrison Block, Hopedale Street, Hopedale, for hire, gain or reward, to be used for amusement merely, but not for the purpose of gaming for money or other property, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 102, Sections 168 to 171 inclusive, of the revised laws and amendments thereto. This license unless sooner revoked

by the Board of Selectmen, shall terminate on the first day of May, 1916, and is granted upon the condition that the licensee shall keep this license posted in a conspicuous place upon the licensed premises, and shall not keep open later than 11.30 o'clock P. M.

E. A. DARLING,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

June 21, 1915.

Received and recorded in the records of the Town of Hopedale on June 21st, 1915.

WM H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Revised Laws, Chap. 102, Sec. 170, as amended by Acts of 1908, Chapter 368.

"The keeper of a billiard, pool or Sippio room or table or bowling alley, or place in which pictures are displayed upon the deposit of money in a mechanical device known as the nickel-in-the-slot machine or penny-in-the-slot machine, or in any similiar device for displaying pictures, who admits a minor thereto without the written consent of his parent or guardian shall forfeit ten dollars for the first and twenty dollars for each subsequent offence."

July 17, 1915.

This is to certify that Frank S. Clark was this day appointed by me to act as Assistant Town Clerk during the week ending July 24, 1915.

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.
July 17, 1915.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1915.

Name.	Occupation.	Address.
Albee, Frank C.	Mason	So. Main St.
Arnold, Frank L.	Machinist	Dutcher St.
Bates, Henry M.	Machinist	Dutcher Street
Brown, Samuel	Machinist	Freedom Street
Bennett, Walter L.	Painter	So. Main Street
Craddock, James	Clerk	Park Street
Crockett, Gustavus A.	Painter	West Main Street
Dewing, Hamblet E.	Gardener	Turnpike
Davis, William	Spindle Maker	Mill Street
French, Albion H.	Teamster	West Main Street
Fairbanks, Charles M.	Machinist	Dutcher Street
Gaskill, R. G.	Spindle Maker	Mill Street
Grayson, W. H.	Blacksmith	Warfield St.
Hall, Edwin C.	Carpenter	Daniels Street
Hart, H. H.	Merchant	Dutcher Street
Henry, John S.	Screw Maker	Lake Street
Knights, William E.	Machinist	Mellen Street
Leonard, H. B.	Laborer	Bancroft Park
Mathewson, Frank E.	Machinist	Dutcher Street
Messinger, Adin A.	Foreman	Hopedale Street
Nelson, Arthur E.	Carpenter	So. Main Street
Morrison, DeForest	Machinist	So. Main Street
Stearns, William R.	Moulder	Freedom Street
Thayer, Charles M.	Clerk	Warfield Street
Westcott, A. A.	Manufacturer	Mill Street

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Oct. 8, 1915.

Selectman E. A. Darling, Town Clerk W. H. Jordan and Constable W. F. Durgin, met at Selectmen's Room, Town House, Oct. 8, 1915, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. and Selectman E. A. Darling

drew from the Juror Box the name of Gustavus A. Crockett to serve as Traverse Juror at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester, within and for our County of Worcester, on the 3rd Monday in October current.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss :

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the Second day of November, A. D. 1915, it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday, punctually at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be opened for said voters to give in their ballots to the Selectmen for Governor ; Lieutenant-Governor ; Secretary ; Treasurer ; Auditor ; Attorney-General ; Councillor ; Senator ; two Representatives in the General Court ; County Commissioner ; County Treasurer ; Sheriff ; all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for. Also upon said ballots the voters shall give in their votes. "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following questions :

Shall Chap. 129, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens," be accepted?

Shall Chap. 130, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution striking the word 'male' from the qualification of voters," be accepted?

Shall Chap. 140, Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolves to provide for submitting to the people the article of amendment of the constitution relative to the authority of the general court to impose taxes," be accepted?

The polls may be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting.

At twelve o'clock noon, on the above mentioned 2d day of November, at the same place, there will be a meeting of the above described inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to act upon the following articles namely:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the report of any committees appointed by the Town, and act thereon.

Article 3. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate from any funds of the Town available therefor, for the purpose of completing the new school building, and grading and fixing the lot of land on which it is located, or take any other action in relation to the foregoing.

Article 4. To see what money, if any, the Town will appropriate from any available funds in the hands of the treasurer to be used by the Road Commissioner in the repair of the Hope Street bridge.

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to locate hydrants on South Main street, appropriate money or take any action in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, the 20th day of October,
A. D. 1915.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:
WALTER F. DURGIN,
CONSTABLE OF HOPEDALE.

Hopedale, Nov. 2, 1915.

I have complied with the requirements of this warrant by
posting attested copies in the several places herein named.

Attest:
WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable of Hopedale.

A true copy of the Warrant and doings thereon.

Attest:
WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 1915.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, met at Town Hall and punctually at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, were called to order by the Clerk of said Town, who read the warrant, after which the polls were declared open.

The cards of instructions and sample ballots being previously posted, the ballot clerks and deputy ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duty, the official ballots delivered by the presiding officer to the ballot clerks, who receipted therefor.

The ballot box registered at zero, and was shown to be empty, the same was locked and the keys delivered to Constable Walter F. Durgin.

Voting then proceeded.

At twelve o'clock noon, there was a meeting of the above described inhabitants, and under

Article 1. Mr. Frank J. Dutcher was chosen Moderator.

Article 2. No reports.

Article 3. Voted: Unanimously, that the sum of \$1,500.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of completing the new school building, and grading and fixing the lot of land on which the same is located, said appropriation to be taken from any unappropriated or unexpended funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer.

Article 4. Voted: That the sum of \$2,500.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the use of the Road Commissioners in repair of the Hope Street Bridge, the same in addition to the prior appropriations, and to be taken from any unappropriated or unexpended funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer.

Article 5. Voted: That the town do locate two hydrants on South Main Street, the exact location to be determined by the Selectmen, and that \$20.00 be and hereby is appropriated for the same, such appropriation to be taken from any unappropriated or unexpended funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer.

On the motion of Mr. C. F. Butterworth, it was Voted: That the polls be closed at 8.00 o'clock P. M.

At 1.45 o'clock P. M. the ballot box which registered 463 was opened by Constable Walter F. Durgin and 463 ballots were taken therefrom.

The tellers being duly sworn as the law directs, counting proceeded.

At 6 P. M. the ballot box which now registered 500 was again opened by Constable Durgin and 37 more ballots taken therefrom.

At 8.00 o'clock P. M. the polls were declared closed, the ballot box now registered 517, and 17 more ballots taken therefrom,

making a total of 517, 517 names had been checked on the ballot clerk's list and 517 names had been checked on the voting list.

The ballot was declared at 8.15 o'clock in open meeting as follows:

GOVERNOR.

Nelson B. Clark of Beverly, Progressive	7
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield, Socialist	2
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, Republican	363
Peter O'Rourke of Medford, Socialist Labor	0
William Shaw of Andover, Prohibition	29
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg, Democratic	112
Blanks	4

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Edward P. Barry of Boston, Democratic	86
Calvin Coolidge of Northhampton, Republican	391
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley, Prohibition	19
James Hayes of Plymouth, Socialist Labor	3
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston, Progressive Party Citizen's Nom. Paper	4
Samuel P. Levenberg of Boston, Socialist	2
Blanks	12

SECRETARY.

Edwin A. Grosvenor of Amherst, Democratic	81
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield, Republican	391
Thomas J. Maher of Medford, Socialist Labor	2
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell, Socialist	3
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Prohibition	18
Blanks	22

TREASURER.

Henry L. Bowles of Springfield, Democratic	80
Charles L. Burrill of Boston, Republican	396
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester, Socialist	3

William E. Marks of Worcester, Prohibition	16
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem, Socialist Labor	1
Blanks	21

AUDITOR.

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston, Republican	394
James W. Holden of New Bedford, Socialist Labor	2
Henry C. Iram of Warwick, Socialist	5
Jacob C. Morse of Brookline, Democratic	77
William G. Rogers of Wilbraham, Prohibition	16
Blanks	23

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn, Republican	400
Frank Auchter of Boston, Prohibition	18
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford, Democratic	74
John McCarthy of Abington, Socialist	3
William Taylor of Worcester, Socialist Labor	1
Blanks	21

COUNCILLOR (7TH DISTRICT)

Channing Smith of Leicester, Republican	418
Blanks	99

SENATOR (FOURTH WORCESTER DISTRICT)

William A. L. Bazeley of Uxbridge, Republican	421
John F. Hoolahan of Uxbridge, Democratic Citizens Nom. Paper	66
Blanks	30

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (NINTH WORCESTER DISTRICT)

Dennis F. Duggan of Northbridge, Democratic	67
Arthur W. Frail of Upton, Republican	424
Winfield S. Lapworth of Hopedale, Republican	371
William A. Murray of Milford, Democratic	96
Blanks	76

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (WORCESTER COUNTY)

Arthur C. Moore of Southbridge, Republican	412
James F. Power of Worcester, Democratic Independent Nom. Paper	57
Blanks	48

COUNTY TREASURER (WORCESTER COUNTY)

Edgar L. Ramsdell of Worcester, Republican	426
Blanks	91

SHERIFF (WORCESTER COUNTY)

Albert F. Richardson of Worcester, Republican	421
Blanks	96

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens be approved and ratified?

Yes	268
No	96
Blanks	153

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, enabling women to vote, be approved and ratified?

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Article three of the articles of amendment to the constitution of the commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof the word "male".

Yes	123
No	352
Blanks	42

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution,

relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions, be approved and ratified?

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the general court to impose and levy a tax on income in the manner hereinafter provided. Such tax may be at different rates upon income derived from different classes of property, but shall be levied at a uniform rate throughout the commonwealth upon incomes derived from the same class of property. The general court may tax income not derived from property at a lower rate than income derived from property, and may grant reasonable exemptions and abatements. Any class of property the income from which is taxed under the provisions of this article may be exempted from the imposition and levying of proportional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes as at present authorized by the constitution. This article shall not be construed to limit the power of the general court to impose and levy reasonable duties and excises.

Yes	234
No	105
Blanks	178

After the reading of the foregoing by the presiding officer, Selectman E. A. Darling, the check lists used by the Selectmen and Ballot Clerks together with the cancelled and unused ballots and tally sheets were delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS..

Worcester, ss:

Milford, Nov. 12, 1915

In compliance with Sections 322 to 325, inclusive, of Chapter 835, Acts of 1913, we, the Town Clerks of the towns of Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Northbridge, and Upton, which towns comprise the Ninth Worcester Representative District, this day met at the office of the Town Clerk in said Milford, and canvassed the return of votes in said towns for the Representatives in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next. Said votes were returned to us, as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the second day of November, A. D. 1915, and was shown by the following tabular statement:

	Hopedale	Mendon	Milford	Northbridge	Upton	Total
Dennis F. Duggan of Northridge	67	49	1069	590	75	1850
Arthur W. Frail of Upton	424	104	744	574	277	2123
Winfield S. Lapworth of Hopedale	371	86	640	477	233	1797
William A. Murray of Milford	96	43	1244	393	84	1860
Blanks,	76	40	441	312	77	946
Totals	1034	322	4138	2346	736	8576

Arthur W. Frail of Upton, and William A. Murray of Milford, having received the largest number of votes were declared elected, and to them were certificates issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requires.

In witness whereof, we, the Town Clerks of Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Northbridge and Upton, have hereunto set our names this 12th day of November, A. D. 1915.

WM. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk of Hopedale,
 CHAS. H ALLEN, Town Clerk of Mendon,
 DENNIS J. SULLIVAN, Town Clerk of Milford,
 JOSEPH A. JOHNSON, Town Clerk of Northbridge,
 FRANCIS T. NELSON, Town Clerk of Upton.

A true copy.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk.

This is to certify that all town officers who did not take the oath of office at town meeting on March 1, 1915, subsequently appeared and were sworn as follows:

Before Wm. H. Jordan, Town Clerk :

Eugene S. Newhall, Tax Collector, March 1, 1915.
 Wm. S. Hague, Assessor, March 1, 1915.
 H. A. Billings, Assessor, March 1, 1915.
 J. L. Remington, Jr., School Committee, March 1, 1915.
 Frank J. Dutcher, Park Commissioner, March 1, 1915.
 Thomas F. Matthews, Constable, March 1, 1915.
 Hiram B. Leonard, Constable, March 2, 1915.
 Chas. E. Nutting, Tree Warden, March 3, 1915.
 Archibald E. Beck, Constable, March 4, 1915.
 Arthur I. Canon, Constable, March 8, 1915.
 Adin A. Messinger, Auditor, March 9, 1915.
 Norman Henry, Field Driver, March 10, 1915.
 Albion H. French, Field Driver, March 10, 1915.
 Frank Gaskill, Field Driver, March 31, 1915.
 Benj. L. Hodgdon, Surveyor of Lumber, May 10, 1915.

Before Frank J. Dutcher, Justice of the Peace:

Eben D. Bancroft, Treasurer, March 1, 1915.
 Dana Osgood, Road Commissioner, March 1, 1915.

Attest :

WM. H. JORDAN,
 Town Clerk.

JURORS DRAWN.

Hamblet E. Dewing, Traverse Juror, Feb. 9, 1915.

Gustavus A. Crockett, Traverse Juror, Oct. 8, 1915.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED.

86 Male. 8 Female. Amount sent to County Treasurer \$193.20, of which amount \$167.09 was returned to the town.

HUNTERS' LICENSES ISSUED.

Resident 150. -

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1915.

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	AGE	MARRIAGE	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED
1915					
Jan. 13	Willis G. Braley,	Manchester, Conn.,	57	2nd	Rev. C. M. Calderwood, Manchester, Conn.,
	Caroline A. Vinal,	Hopedale,	55	2nd	
Jan. 23	Lester Linwood Heath,	Hopedale,	27	1st	Rev. Richard Peters, Hopedale.
	Blanche E. Williams,	Hopedale,	18	1st	
Jan. 23	George Otto Viele,	Hopedale,	24	1st	Rev. Richard Peters, Hopedale.
	Hazel Carrie Williams,	Hopedale,	19	1st	
Feb. 5	Arthur Earle Senical,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Wm. G. Pond, J. P., Milford.
	Mary Helen Keane,	Milford,	17	1st	
Feb. 6	Aram Chortian,	Hopedale,	22	1st	Rev. Seroype Nershabook, Hopedale.
	Vetorn Cezer Bocosian,	Whitinsville	21	1st	
Feb. 15	Stanley Donahoe,	Hopedale,	36	1st	Rev. D. F. McGrath, Milford.
	Mary Theresa Moore,	Milford,	29	1st	
Feb. 18	Edward Foster,	Hopedale,	38	2nd	Rev. Richard Peters, Hopedale.
	Sarah Ann Jones,	Hopedale,	39	1st	
Feb. 22	William C. Eastwood,	Hopedale,	40	2nd	F. E. Drew, J. P., Portsmouth, N. H.
	Ada B. Freeman,	Milford,	21	1st	
Mar. 14	William F. Hayes,	Hopedale,	34	1st	Wm. G. Pond, J. P., Milford.
	Amelia Maher,	Hopedale,	18	1st	
Mar. 21	John Herbert Collins,	Hopedale,	31	1st	Albert Corey, J. P., Boston.
	Sarah A. Marsh,	Hopedale,	23	1st	
Apr. 3	Herbert Poland Wood,	Boston,	31	1st	Rev. Richard Peters, Hopedale.
	Esther T. Danielson,	Chelsea,	27	1st	
Apr. 7	Joseph Donissoni,	Milford,	20	1st	Rev. Erminio Lona, Milford.
	Maria Leoncini,	Hopedale,	21	1st	
Apr. 7	Joseph Brown,	Hopedale,	24	1st	Rev. D. F. McGrath, Milford.
	Nora O'Connell,	Hopedale,	23	1st	
Apr. 8	Harold H. Jordan,	Hopedale,	22	1st	Rev. J. C. Linsley, Torrington, Conn.
	Nime Swan,	Torrington,	22	1st	
Apr. 12	Frederick F. Libby,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Rev. C. A. Henderson, Hopedale.
	Elizabeth A. Andrew,	Hopedale,	21	1st	
Apr. 25	Samuel Gaskill Jr.,	Hopedale,	30	2nd	Rev. D. H. Ferrell, Brockton.
	Gertrude May Allen,	Hopedale,	24	1st	
May 24	Earle Wright Roberts,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Rev. C. A. Henderson, Hopedale.
	Kara Draper,	Hopedale,	19	1st	
May 25	Ray C. Howland,	Bethlehem, N.H.	24	1st	Rev. Arthur Wright, Bethlehem N. H.
	Florence E. Dow,	Hopedale,	23	1st	
June 20	Edward L. Strickland,	Hopedale,	22	1st	Rev. Richard Peters, Hopedale.
	Laura Raymond Looke,	Hopedale,	28	1st	
June 30	Neal R. Richardson,	Hopedale,	27	1st	Rev. G. R. Hewitt, Boston.
	Agnes Ruth Miller,	Boston,	21	1st	
July 10	Hedley Moss Jr.,	Hopedale,	20	1st	Rev. H. F. Fister, Green Harbor.
	Helen M. Twitchell,	Milford,	20	1st	
Aug. 21	Owen B. MacKellar,	New Bedford,	28	1st	Rev. Richard Peters, Hopedale.
	Florence Lillian Hall,	Walpole,	25	1st	
Aug. 26	Arthur L. Rockwood,	Hopedale,	18	1st	Carl S. Hopkins, J. P., Brattleboro Vt.
	Rose Veronica Collins,	Milford,	18	1st	
Sept. 1	George Harrison Gray,	Madison, Wis.,	29	1st	Rev. C. A. Henderson, Hopedale.
	Katherine Newman,	Hopedale,	31	1st	
Sept. 18	Albert H. Woodhead,	Hopedale,	34	1st	Rev. J. S. Strong, Ayer.
	Margaret J. McMillan,	Ayer,	29	1st	
Sept. 21	Herbert Binns Wood,	Lawrence,	23	1st	Rev. Richard Peters, Hopedale.
	Estella G. Stafford,	Hopedale,	24	1st	
Sept. 21	Alden Burgess Hayes,	Hopedale,	24	1st	Rev. A. A. Smith, Bangor, Me.
	Mildred V. Williams,	Fairfield, Me.,	24	1st	
Oct. 5	Augustus A. Gandy,	Hopedale,	30	1st	Rev. S. O. Dexter, Concord.
	Helen Edwards Bass,	Concord,	27	1st	
Oct. 6	Gordon R. Andrew,	Hopedale,	22	1st	Rev. C. A. Henderson, Hopedale.
	Lena May Williams,	Hopedale,	26	1st	

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1915.

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	AGE	MARRIAGE	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED
1915					
Oct. 7	Warren H. Taplin, Helen Van Duzee,	Hopedale, Germantown, Pa.,	24	1st	Rev. O. B. Hawes, Germantown, Pa.
Oct. 9	Cladaeo Agastinelli, Rosi Montoni,	Milford, Hopedale,	24	1st	Wm. G. Pond, J. P. Milford.
Oct. 30	J. Newton Nutter, Marion (Baxter) Fisher,	Hopedale, Attleboro,	43	2nd	Rev. John H. Wilson, Watertown.
Nov. 4	William Ferguson, Irene H. Kellogg,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	29	1st	Rev. Richard Peters, Hopedale.
Nov. 6	Franklin J. Brierly, Katherine (Burke) Boucher	Hopedale, Hopedale,	34	1st	Wm. G. Pond, J. P., Milford.
Nov. 6	Davide Noffari, Elivia Grassotti,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	32	1st	Wm. G. Pond, J. P., Milford.
Nov. 24	George N. Newton, Violet Etta Sears,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	24	1st	Rev. E. L. Loomis, Milford.
Nov. 25	Frank Leslie Davis, Esther Marie Dodge,	Hopedale, Belchertown.	23	1st	Rev. R. M. Houghton, Brattleboro, Vt.
Dec. 1	Everett T. Simmonds, Mildred M. Garland,	Hopedale, Norwood,	23	1st	Rev. Geo. W. Nead, Norwood.
Dec. 25	Harold Grover Canon, Mary J. Hackenson,	Hopedale, Milford,	22	1st	Rev. W. F. Whitney, Milford.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1915.

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
1914		
Jan. 14	Blanche Irene Smith,	Daniel and Sadie (Miller).
May 7	Charles Richard Hollien,	Charles R. and Alice G. (Gorman).
1915		
Jan. 10	Stillborn,	Clare H. and Matilda G. (Engman).
Jan. 13	Harry Engman Draper,	Dominic and Maria (Dicicco).
Jan. 13	Maria Colabattista,	Charles H. and E. M. Ingeborg (Danielson)
Jan. 15	Ingeborg Earnsby,	Edgar C. and Lottie M. (Watson).
Jan. 16	Kenneth Earl Remick,	George E. and Sophia E. (Pope).
Jan. 22	Lyman Andrew Draper,	Charles J. W. and Florence G. (Hayes).
Jan. 23	Charles Frederick Nealley	George T. and Lillian R. (White).
Jan. 29	Dorothy Annie Atkinson,	Harrison N. and Florence A. (Cowee).
Feb. 6	Beatrice Claire Sheldon,	Charles J. and Irene (Pratt).
Feb. 6	Dorothy Irene Phillips,	James J. and Mary I. (Fitzpatrick).
Feb. 11	Francis J. McGuire,	John J. and Helen J. (Newell).
Feb. 19	John Newell Grady,	George and Herak (Argiron).
Feb. 21	Visken Damirgian,	Fred A. and Gertrude M. (Reade).
Feb. 28	Fred A. Spaulding Jr.,	Philip A. and Kate E. (Robinson).
Mch. 2	Philip Augustus Phipps,	Alfred G. and Emily M. (Carter).
Mch. 5	Robert A. E. Chubb,	William H. and Hazel (Guerette).
Mch. 16	Bernard William Hatch,	Henry L. and Effie E. (Davidson).
Mch. 17	Henry Lewis Stone Jr.,	Salvatore and Antonia (Grillo).
Mch. 26	Alberto Cimino,	Josiah J. and Marion A. (Johnston).
Apr. 15	Paul Robert Gibbs,	George A. and Mary (Gallant).
Apr. 18	Helen Regina Phillips,	Henry and Alice (Hamilton).
Apr. 26	Veronica Lundy,	Dominic and Albina (Marengi).
Apr. 28	Mary Volpecelli,	Thomas and Irene M. (Butterfield).
May 1	Edward Frederick Damon,	Peter and Inja (Sorensen).
May 13	Signa Modig,	Daniel and Sadie (Miller).
May 17	Sadie Marjorie Smith,	Alfonso and Regina (Sheipone).
May 20	Italia Andreotti,	Asa A. and Marion E. (Dewing).
May 21	Marion Frances Westcott,	Wilfred B. and Marion H. (Welch).
May 22	Ralph Welch Pickard,	Charles H. and Irene G. (Pike).
June 4	Charles Francis Burns,	Walter L. and Marion (Gay).
June 14	Gladys Maud Adams,	Howell F. and Pearl M. (Philpot).
June 17	Nealley,	Harry and Georgianna P. (Raymond).
July 4	Arthur Harold Morton,	Michele and Mary (Cappelette).
July 18	Joseph Delladonna,	Nicola and Rosina (Mace).
July 21	Palma Trotta,	Alfred and Mary B. (Matthews).
July 28	Mildred Annie Auty,	William M. and Ella (McIntyre).
July 29	Robert Edward Cole,	Vincenzo and Celia (Mandolini).
July 30	Pipo Mincharelli,	William and Josie (Nutting).
Aug. 8	Merle Jefferson,	Frank and Ester (Sassaroli).
Aug. 31	Raffaello Sanzio Pantano,	Richard M. and Annie (Bruce).
Sept. 23	Alice Gertrude Tenanty,	John and Rosa (Capoldo).
Sept. 25	Anna Kalazzi,	Orrin J. and Adelina (Tourjee).
Oct. 2	Elenor May Davis,	James and Nora (Nash).
Oct. 3	Anna Ford,	Emil B. and Florence (Taylor).
Oct. 7	Gerald T. Erickson,	James J. and Elizabeth E. (Ahern).
Oct. 8	Agnes Muriel O'Neil,	William M. and Ellen (Partington).
Oct. 11	William Hartley Walker,	Lester E. and Ida L. (Nutter).
Oct. 11	Velma Lillian Cook,	Frank and Ophilia (Paradise).
Oct. 12	Frances Delphine Snyder,	Edward J. and Mary E. (McManus).
Oct. 16	Alfred Edward Barry,	Joseph J. and Susie A. (Marsh).
Oct. 18	Aaron Vincent Grant,	Frederick F. and Elizabeth A. (Andrew).
Oct. 20	Frederick Andrew Libby,	Alfred L. and Ida (Ballard).
Oct. 23	Pauline Jeanette Norman,	George F. and Evelyn (Hilton).
Nov. 7	Parslow	Harold R. and Alice (Smith).
Nov. 10	Virginia Smith,	Robert and Leah (Mather).
Nov. 12	George William Billsbury,	Joseph and Rosa (St. Angelo).
Nov. 14	Jennie Celozzi,	John H. and Sarah A. (Marsh).
Nov. 19	John Herbert Collins Jr.,	W. Frederick and Olive G. (Jellison).
Nov. 29	William Frederic Burrill,	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1915.

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
1915		
Nov. 29	Earl Russell Young,	George F. and Pearl R. (Ingerson).
Nov. 29	Mary Egan,	John and Mary A. (Malloy).
Nov. 30	Edna Louise Irving,	Herbert W. and Celia M. (Conlin).
Dec. 5	Antoinetta Tamburra,	Vincenzo and Consiglia (Faschina).
Dec. 8	Joseph Levi Miller,	Joseph A. and Florence I. (Rawson).
Dec. 10	Eveylen Catherine Gardner,	John J. and Estella (Tiernan).
Dec. 11	Lowell Knight Hammond,	Leon and Flora (Messinger).
Dec. 15	Carol Margaret French,	Carl H. and Mary A. (Gardner).
Dec. 17	Fernando Sandall,	Simone and Asunta (Mandoleni).
Dec. 19	Shirley Ethel Goodridge,	Glenn A. and Ethel J. (Humes).
Dec. 21	Edwin Francis Cote,	Alfred E. and Evelyn (Irons).
Dec. 26	Helen Louise Shelnut,	Stanley H. and Ella A. (Pluta).

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1915.

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BIRTH
		Y	M	D		
1915						
Jan. 10	Stillborn					
Feb. 2	Susan Ellen Reed,	63	0	9	Interstitial Nephritis,	Rockland.
Feb. 9	Ellen Marie I Earnsby	23	9	5	Septic Thrombus,	Worcester.
Feb. 10	Bridget Corbett,	75	0	0	La Grippe,	Ireland.
Feb. 13	Edwin Wilson,	68	5	18	Arterio Sclerosis,	Downsville, N. Y.
Feb. 17	Emory Munyon,	72	0	2	Arterio Sclerosis,	Thompson, Ct.
Feb. 26	Cora G. (Cook) Colwell,	60	2	4	Arthritis Deformans,	Bellingham.
Mch. 2	Mary Ann (Boote) Newell,	69	0	13	Valvular Heart Disease,	London, Eng.
Mch. 4	Fred A. Spaulding Jr.,	0	0	5	Icterus Neonatarum,	Hopedale.
Mch. 11	George Washington Bacon,	73	5	1	Apoplexy,	Verchire, Vt.
Mch. 10	Gordon W. Henderson,	7	7	17	Meningitis,	Boston.
Apr. 9	Delia Higgiston,	57	5	15	Carcinoma,	Milford.
Apr. 22	Mary McHale,	77	8	0	La Grippe,	Ireland.
Apr. 23	Sarah J. (Webster) Stover,	55	3	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage,	Blue Hill, Me.
Apr. 26	Bride Herbert,	55	4	19	Cerebral Hemorrhage,	Dublin, Ire.
May 12	William A. Phillips,	81	0	12	Arterio Sclerosis,	Phila., Pa.
May 15	Mary (Cory) Albro	70	3	20	Ulcer of Stomach,	Newport, R. I.
June 2	Samuel Young,	37	8	13	Peritonitis,	Danforth, Me.
June 17	Nealley	0	0	1	Premature Birth,	Hopedale.
July 14	Edgar Edwin Sears,	1	0	9	Intestinal Indigestion,	Hopedale.
July 23	Ralph Emmett Hickey,	6	10	7	Acute Dilation of Heart,	Conway, N. H.
Aug. 8	Arthur I. Canon,	43	3	19	Automobile Accident,	Tyringham.
Aug. 28	Frank G. Bumpus,	75	2	15	Arterio Sclerosis,	Sandwich.
Sept. 4	Harriet (Arnold) Willard,	69	1	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage,	Norwood.
Sept. 7	William H. Hooker,	79	11	2	Alkaline Cystitis,	Sturbridge.
Oct. 4	Ida D. (Albee) Smith,	67	11	24	Interstitial Nephritis,	Mendon.
Oct. 6	Edmund C. Barrows,	76	4	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage,	Andover.
Oct. 25	Lella (Coburn) Bancroft,	69	1	11	Cystic Degeneration of Ovary,	Hopkinton.
Nov. 7	Ellen (Marron) Grant,	52	8	6	Cerebral Apoplexy,	Ireland.
Nov. 7	Parslow,	0	0	1	Premature Birth,	Hopedale.
Nov. 24	Ludwig E. Larson,	25	7	7	Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	Denmark.
Nov. 25	Carl Herbert French	37	0	19	Interstitial Nephritis,	Hopedale.
Dec. 2	Charles H. Feint,	53	11	8	Cerebral Apoplexy,	England.
Dec. 9	Fred Dwight Prescho,	49	2	25	Lobar Pneumonia,	Pelham.

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, Vol. 1, Chap. 29, as amended by Chap. 280, Acts 1912

SECTION 1. Physicians and midwives shall within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a notice stating the date and place of birth, giving the street number, if any, the number of the ward in a city and the family name. Failure to mail or deliver the said notice shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offence. The notice required by this section need not be given if the notice required by the following section is given within forty-eight hours after the birth occurs.

SECTION 2. Physicians and midwives shall make and keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge and shall, within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the names ages, places of birth, occupations and residence of the parents giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in a city, the maiden name of the mother, and whether or not the physician or midwife signing the birth return personally attended the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both the father and mother filed with the return. The record to be kept by the physician or midwife, as above provided, shall also contain the facts hereby required to be reported to the city or town clerk. The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for every birth so reported, which shall be paid by the city or town where the report is made, upon presentation to the city or town treasurer of a certificate from the city or town clerk stating that the said birth has been properly reported to him. The report required to be made by this section is in addition to the report

required to be made by the preceding section, and as above provided, if made within forty-eight hours of the birth, the report required by the preceding section shall not be required. A. physician or midwife who neglects to make and keep the record hereby required, or who neglects to report in the manner specified above each birth within fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars. The city or town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him giving the following facts; date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward, physician, or midwife.

SECTION 6. Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after the birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

Blanks can be obtained on application to the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1915.

All details of accounts not elsewhere shown will be found in this report.

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

CORPORATION, BANK AND STREET RY. TAX in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To Corporation Tax, 1914 public service....	\$ 64	By Cash, 1914 Public Service Corp'n Tax	\$ 64
Bank Tax, 1914 account.....	152 06	Cash, 1914 Bank Tax.....	152 06
Corporation Tax, 1915 account.....	414 18	Cash, 1915 Corporation Tax.....	414 18
Corporation Tax, 1915 public service....	5,658 96	Cash, 1915 Public Service Corp'n Tax..	5,658 96
Bank Tax, 1915 account.....	24,997 33	Cash, 1915 Bank Tax.....	24,997 33
Street Railway Tax, 1915 account.....	523 11	Cash, 1915 Street Railway Tax.....	523 11
	<u>\$31,746 28</u>		<u>\$31,746 28</u>

STATE AID, in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

Cr.

To Balance due from State on 1914 account..	\$276 00	By amount received from State on 1914	
Amount paid on orders and charged to		account	\$276 00
State on 1915 account.....	384 00	Balance due from State on 1915 account..	384 00
	<u>\$660 00</u>		<u>384 00</u>
			<u>\$660 00</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

LIBRARY TRUST ACCOUNT, in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To balance, invested.....	\$28,000 00
Cash, interest paid	334 39
Balance on hand	894 61
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	\$29,229 00
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	By balance from last account.....
	Cash, interest from investment.....
	\$28,000 00
	1,229 00
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	\$29,229 00
	894 61
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	Balance unexpended
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Detail of Library Trust Fund.

Joseph B. Bancroft, Bancroft fund	\$1,000 00
Estate Joseph B. Bancroft, Bancroft fund	1,000 00
Lilla B. Bracken, Sarah M. Whipple fund	1,000 00
Estate Lura B. Day, Bancroft-Day fund	5,000 00
Estate Lura B. Day, Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft fund	20,000 00
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Total	\$28,000 00

PARK TRUST ACCOUNT, in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

DR.

To balance invested.....	\$1,500 00	By balance from last account.....	1,500 00
Cash, interest paid.....	65 84	Cash, interest from investment.....	65 84
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	\$1,565 84		\$1,565 84

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Detail of Park Trust Fund.

William F., George A. and Eben S. Draper	\$1,500 00
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TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNT, in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.	
To balance invested.....	\$2,379 00	By balance from last account.....	2,279 00
Cash, interest paid.....	104 44	Amount received from Est. of Medora Whitney, for care of lot in So. Hopedale Cemetery	100 00
		Cash, interest from investment.....	104 44
	<u>\$2,483 44</u>		<u>\$2,483 44</u>

Detail of Cemetery Trust Fund.

Burlingame Lot.....	\$100 00	P. W. Moody account Lot 45.....	\$50 00
Sarah M. Whipple.....	100 00	W. G. Comstock.....	50 00
Sally Whipple.....	100 00	Mary J. Jacques.....	100 00
Margaret Humphrey.....	250 00	J. A. Edmands.....	100 00
J. B. Bancroft.....	500 00	George Scriven.....	65 00
F. J. and G. M. Dutcher.....	150 00	George H. Cole.....	100 00
S. B. Holbrook.....	100 00	Frank H. French.....	75 00
L. H. Ballou.....	200 00	Estate Emily Albee.....	75 00
Mary Draper.....	14 00	Estate Medora Whitney	100 00
A. T. Field account Thwing Lot.....	150 00		
		Total	<u>\$2,379 00</u>

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OF ALL TRUST FUNDS.

DR.		CR.
Invested in Telephone Bonds.....	\$14,875 00	Total amount of foregoing funds at cost held by E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, convertible 5s.	7,249 26	
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Refunding 4 1-2s.	4,425 00	
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co., 3 1-2s.	4,426 25	
Milford Savings Bank.....	903 49	
	<u>\$31,879 00</u>	<u>\$31,879 00</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS CHARGED TO PARTIES, UNPAID DEC. 31, 1915.

PAID AFTER CLOSING OF BOOKS.

State of Massachusetts, State Aid account, 1915.....	\$384 00
State of Massachusetts, Tuition, account Industrial School.....	16 07
Eben S. Draper, Highway Department.....	7 75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Highway Department.....	6 65
G. P. Sheldon, Highway Department.....	2 15
G. M. Burgess, Highway Department.....	7 17
G. & U. R. R. Co., Highway Department.....	10 00
Draper Co., Highway Department.....	25 00
M. & U. St. Ry. Co., Highway Department.....	509 73
Mrs. H. W. Bracken, Tree Warden Department.....	2 70
W. H. French; Tree Warden Department.....	7 10
Mrs. Southwick, Tree Warden Department.....	2 90

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer in account with the Town of Hopedale.

Dr.

Cr.

To balance from 1914 account	\$56,804 62	By amounts paid:—	
Collector 1914 account.....	27 12	Fire department.....	4,676 37
Collector 1915 account.....	119,361 01	Poor department.....	1,743 19
Corporation Tax public service 1914 account	64	Board of health.....	100 93
Bank Tax 1914 account.....	152 06	Library department.....	3,611 80
Corporation tax 1915 account.....	414 18	School department.....	19,576 24
Corporation tax public service 1915 account.....	5,658 96	School, new building	28,301 37
Bank tax 1915 account.....	24,997 33	School, new equipment.....	1,411 51
State of Massachusetts, State aid 1914 account.....	276 00	Highway department	17,282 38
State of Massachusetts, poor department on account of dependent mothers..	413 75	New streets built in 1914	25,367 63
Town Hall, rents 1915.....	1,760 00	New fire station	32,989 81
Highway department, 1915 account...	2,003 51	Park department.....	3,236 59
Highway, Street railway excise tax..	561 20	Incidental department.....	6,292 31
Highway, sewer tax.....	190 00	Water account.....	3,153 33
		Street lighting account	4,063 13
		Interest account.....	2,170 40
		Memorial Day.....	60 00
		Town Hall	1,620 53

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

Highway, street railway tax from State	523 11	Town Map	1,551 42
Interest on bank deposit.....	1,038 11	State and County taxes.....	32,025 00
Interest on invested trust funds.....	1,399 28	Tree Warden.....	3,309 09
School department, property sold.....	78 99	State aid.....	384 00
Library, income from trust fund.....	1,229 00	Albee cemetery lot account.....	10 54
Library, fines, sale of books etc.	110 32	Whitney cemetery lot account.....	4 40
Library, dog licenses.....	167 09	Trust fund, invested.....	100 00
Park department, 1915 account.....	672 00	Borrowed money	80,000 00
Park department, interest on fund....	65 84	Balance	29,107 34
Tree Warden, 1915 account.....	2,561 50		
Fire department, 1915 account.....	218 67		
Poor department, 1915 account.....	72 00		
Uncashed orders turned back into treasury	29 65		
*From Mr. G. A. Draper (see letter) ..	1,200 00		
Incidental department, sundries.....	15 17		
J. J. Gibbs, druggist license.....	1 00		
James Newton, pool room license.....	2 00		
Smith & Son, bowling alley license....	2 00		
S. Rosenfeld, junk license	5 00		

M. Sneiderman, junk license.....	5 00
Geo. Gregory, peddler's license.....	8 00
P. A. Adams, peddler's license.....	8 00
Town of Upton, 1-2 cost of surveying town bounds.....	9 50
Albee lot trust fund, interest.....	3 30
Whitney lot trust fund, interest.....	4 40
Cemetery trust fund.....	100 00
Borrowed money.....	80,000 00
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	\$302,149 31
To balance to general fund.....	\$29,107 34
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	\$302,149 31

COPY OF LETTER EXPLAINS \$1200 ITEM IN RECEIPTS
IN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Hopedale, Mass., November 2, 1915.

MESSRS. TOWN OF HOPEDALE,
HOPEDALE, MASS.

Gentlemen:—

Some months since the Town of Hopedale voted to discontinue Water Street, and as a consequence of this vote the land occupied by the street, or the street itself, reverted to me.

I sold this land to the Grafton & Upton Railroad Company for \$1,200.00.

It seems to me that the law under which this land reverted to me is inequitable, in that, the town gave up property worth \$1,200.00 to me for no consideration whatsoever, so far as I personally am concerned, and I, therefore, desire to present to the town the proceeds of this property, and enclose my check for \$1,200.00.

Yours truly,

GEO. A. DRAPER.

I desire to call attention of the voters of the Town to the apparently large balance of cash at the end of this fiscal year. The larger part of this comes about from the fact that work for which appropriations were made, and for which the money was raised, has not been completed. Consequently the funds remain in my hands until such time as we can accept the work which the funds were intended to cover.

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, CASH RECEIPTS
AND BALANCES FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915.

	Appropriations.	Cash Receipts.	Amts. Unpaid.	Over-drawn.	Unexpended.
School Department:—					
General.	\$19,500 00	\$ 78 99	\$	\$	\$ 2 75
New School House.	25,000 00	5,124 37			1,823 00
New School Equipment.	1,500 00				88 49
Library department:—					
General.	3,000 00	1,506 41			894 61
Highway department:—					
General, including					
Sidewalks and Street Watering.	8,000 00	3,277 82			1,456 82
Hopedale Street.	1,500 00				1 00
Hope Street Bridge.	6,500 00				537 62
Fire department:—					
General.	4,000 00	198 67			49 37
New hose.	400 00				
Forest fires.	100 00	20 00		7 07	
Incidentals.	6,000 00	55 67		236 64	
Water account.	3,170 00				16 67
Street lighting.	4,822 50				759 37
Interest.	600 00	2,437 39			866 99
Memorial Day.	60 00				
Town Hall.	500 00	1,760 00			639 47
Town Map.	2,000 00				448 58
Emily Albee cemetery lot.		10 54			
Medora Whitney cemetery lot.		4 40			
State and county tax.	30,000 00			2,025 00	
Tree Warden.	750 00	2,561 50			2 41
Poor department.	2,000 00	485 95			742 76
Board of health.	300 00				199 07
Park commission.	2,500 00	737 93			1 34
New Fire Station.	50,000 00				17,010 19
New streets.	25,367 63				
State aid.		276 00	384 00		
Borrowed money.		80,000 00			
Trust fund (Cemetery).		100 00			

Balance on hand January 1, 1915..... \$56,804 62

Total receipts for year..... 245,344 69

\$302,149 31

Total cash expenditures on 1915 account..... 273,041 97

Balance to general fund as shown in cash report.... \$29,107 34

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915.

By appropriation	\$6,000 00
Police Department	14 00
Licenses	31 00
Estate of Medora Whitney, trust fund	100 00
Town of Upton, 1-2 expense surveying line	9 50
Sundries	1 17
To James B. Edwards, return of deaths...	1 00
Walter W. Watson, return of deaths	3 75
Geo. W. Wood, return of deaths.....	1 50
K. A. Campbell, M. D., return of births	5 25
F. H. Lally, M. D., return of births....	75
M. W. Knight, M. D., return of births..	1 00
Geo. F. Curley, M. D., return of births..	1 75
F. D. White, M. D., return of births....	1 00
J. J. Duggan, M. D., return of births....	75
John V. Gallagher, M.D.,return of births	50
P. E. Joslin, M. D., return of births....	1 25
C. W. Wheeler, labor	4 70
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies	14 96
Police labor	1,100 70
Court fees, Wm. H. French.....	8 35
Court fees, W. F. Durgin.....	5 93
W. W. Knights, insurance.....	1,792 76
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	67 18
W. H. Jordan, vital statistics.....	44 70
W. H. Jordan, procuring commission jus- tice peace.....	7 00
W. F. Durgin, sundry labor.....	50 75
Henry A. Daniels, treasurer's bond....	80 00
W. W. Knights, tax collector's bond....	50 00

Estate of Medora Whitney, trust fund in- vested	100 00
Grafton & Upton Railroad, freight....	50
Sundries	8 70
Rebate of poll tax.....	2 00
Expense of assessors.....	93 15
Certification of town notes.....	8 00
Worcester County Abstract Company..	11 41
W. H. French, labor.....	13 50
Lura G. Bartlett, clerical work, account of assessors.....	70 60
H. C. Forbes, repairing ballot box....	3 25
S. Fred Smith labor.....	5 00
W. L. Beals, labor.....	3 00
B. L. Makepeace, blue prints.....	8 40
Bowker & Barnard, police helmet.....	3 00
Cahill News Agency, Shannon file....	1 00
Draper Company, labor.....	2 64
Edgar H. Jenks, labor So. Hopedale Cemetery	6 03
F. O. Wadman, labor So. Hopedale Cemetery	10 95
W. H. Jordan, sundries.....	9 38
Frank Gaskill, labor So. Hopedale Cemetery	8 00
Services at polls, Henry J. Brown.....	8 00
Services at polls W. H. Grayson.....	3 00
Services at polls, R. G. Gaskill.....	6 00
Services at polls, F. B. Sweet.....	6 00
Services at polls, Thomas Gaffney.....	6 00
Services at polls, Geo. H. Davis.....	6 00
Services at polls, C. E. Pierce.....	9 00
Services at polls, A. A. Messinger.....	9 00
G. W. Jenkins, sundries.....	1 00
Wendell Williams, sundries.....	32 00
Hudson & Nichols, services, acc't assessors	100 00
City of Worcester, tuition.....	32 14

Henry W. Gaskill, surveying town line..	19 00
Stationery and Printing.....	536 13
Soldiers' Relief	240 00

Salaries:—

A. A. Messinger, auditor.....	50 00	
E. D. Bancroft, treasurer.....	100 00	
E. S. Newhall, tax collector.....	275 00	
E. A. Darling, selectman.....	100 00	
L. B. Gaskill, selectman.....	50 00	
S. E. Kellogg, selectman.....	50 00	
W. S. Hague, clerk.....	12 50	
G. B. Arnold, clerk.....	37 50	
W. S. Hague, assessor.....	185 00	
H. A. Billings, assessor.....	125 00	
W. W. Knight, assessor.....	100 00	
G. R. Goff, registrar.....	25 00	
W. H. Grayson, registrar.....	25 00	
Henry Markham, registrar.....	25 00	
W. H. Jordan, town clerk.....	50 00	
W. H. Jordan, registrar.....	25 00	
W. H. Jordan, clerk registrars.....	10 00	
Wendell Williams, town counsel.....	500 00	
Frank Gaskill, cattle inspector.....	25 00	
By balance overdrawn.....		\$236 64
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		\$6,392 31 \$6,392 31

TOWN HALL.

By appropriation	\$500 00
Rents	1,760 00
To Janitors' Salaries	429 25
Bird & Son, wall board.....	22 51
Milford Electric Light & Power Co...	145 40
Milford Gas Light Co.	16 45
Eldredge & Son, labor.....	4 00

Milford Water Company.....	79 82	
F. O. Wadman, labor.....	31 55	
H. L. Patrick, supplies.....	4 35	
Z. C. Field, lumber.....	1 01	
Draper Company, supplies.....	10 54	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., coal.....	412 22	
McLane Manufacturing Company, Mailing Case	20 00	
Staples & Gould, labor and material..	218 63	
Swift B. Lyon, tuning piano.....	7 00	
J. J. Gibbs, supplies.....	2 30	
P. A. Phipps, removing ashes.....	6 73	
E. M. Crockett, painting.....	25 65	
P. & F. Corbin repairing door check..	1 27	
Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Ins. Co, boiler insurance.....	30 50	
G. S. Stimpson Co., vault fittings....	75 00	
Sherborne & Coughlin Ex. Co., express	75	
Adams Express Company, express....	60	
Wm. E. Whitney, repairing clock....	1 50	
Worcester Mfg. Co., repairing door check	1 65	
Henry J. Phipps & Co., repairing leaded glass windows.....	27 00	
H. E. Brown, electric wiring.....	44 85	
Balance unexpended.....	639 47	
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	\$2,260 00	\$2,260 00

STATE AID.

To orders drawn	\$384 00	
By amount due from state		\$384 00
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	\$384 00	\$384 00

EMILY ALBEE CEMETERY LOT.

By balance on hand		\$7 24
Interest		3 30
To sundry labor	\$10 54	
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	\$10 54	\$10 54

WHITNEY CEMETERY LOT.

By interest		\$4 40
To sundry labor	\$4 40	
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	\$4 40	\$4 40

INTEREST.

By appropriation		\$ 600 00
Interest on Deposit.....		1,038 11
Interest from trust funds.....		1,399 28
To Milford Savings Bank.....	\$771 12	
Hopedale Village Cemetery.....	96 74	
Park Department.....	65 84	
Bancroft Library	1,229 00	
Incidental Department	7 70	
Balance unexpended.....	866 99	
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	\$3,037 39	\$3,037 39

TAXES.

By appropriation.....		\$30,000 00
To state	\$22,025 00	
To county	9,990 00	
Balance overdrawn		2,025 00
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	\$32,025 00	\$32,025 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

By appropriation		\$60 00
To Post 22, G. A. R.....	\$60 00	
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	\$60 00	\$60 00

STREET LIGHTING.

By appropriation		\$4,822 50
To Milford Electric Light & Power Co.	\$4,063 13	
Balance unexpended	759 37	
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	\$4,822 50	\$4,822 50

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

By appropriation		\$3,170 00
To Milford Water Company.....	\$3,153 33	
Balance unexpended	16 67	
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	\$3,170 00	\$3,170 00

TOWN MAP.

By appropriation		\$2,000 00
To labor	\$1,551 42	
Unexpended balance	448 58	
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	\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00

NEW STREETS.

By special appropriation		\$25,367 63
To 1-2 cost of Maple, Inman, Elm, Oak and Beech Streets and Jones Road	\$25,367 63	
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	\$25,367 63	\$25,367 63

NEW FIRE STATION.

By appropriation	\$50,000 00
To W. L. Mellen, contract.....	\$29,050 00
Draper Company, labor and material..	139 85
D. L. Chilson, sewer connections and drain	295 70
McLean & Cousins, heating.....	2,320 00
Luchini & Manzani, grading	185 97
Highway Department, labor and material	47 93
Wm. Johnston Teaming Co., placing bell in tower.....	55 50
Geo. Lawley & Son, flagpole.....	58 66
W. C. Tewksbury, installing flagpole..	22 00
Grafton & Upton R. R., freight.....	9 80
Clark Ellis & Sons, iron pipe.....	65
Davoren's Express, teaming.....	3 75
Robert Allen Cook, services.....	800 00
Unexpended balance	17,010 19
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	\$50,000 00 \$50,000 00

E. A. DARLING,

L. B. GASKILL,

S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915.

By appropriation		\$300 00
To C. L. Webster, quarantine	\$18 00	
Grafton & Upton R. R., freight.....	58	
C. B. Dolge Company, candles.....	18 00	
Geo. A. Finlay, quarantine.....	31 50	
Aaron Marsh, quarantine.....	13 50	
John S. Henry, quarantine.....	17 00	
W. H. French, labor.....	2 35	
Balance unexpended.....	199 07	
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	\$300 00	\$300 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR. For the Year Ending Deccmber 31, 1915.

By appropriation	\$2,000 00
Amount received from State of Mass.	413 95
Amount received from Town of Medway.....	66 00
Sundries	6 00
To John L. Mead	\$ 9 77
F. C. Gobeille	79 00
H. L. Patrick	118 44
A. A. Westcott & Sons	223 13
M. J. Kelly	120 00
Edna O. Aldrich	64 72
J Stuart Cox	184 15
J. P. Connolly Company	368 70
Linda Vista Farm	11 60
H. M. Curtiss Coal Company	48 23
H. D. Bowker	74 73
A. L. Bowers & Company	8 25
F. J. Coty	33 28
Wm. H. Cox	161 40
Dana Osgood	6 34
Dr. F. H. Lally	56 50
E. D. Bancroft, Treas.	2 00
Town of Milford	6 00
Taylor Brothers	6 50
Geo. H. Shultz	1 85
Bowker & Barnard	17 73
Dr. M. W. Knight	1 50
Town of Medway	60 00

Hopedale Coal & Ice Company.....	4 32
Staples & Gould	3 35
A. H. Sweet Company	19 55
P. A. Phipps	1 75
Milford Hospital	2 00
State Board of Charity	33 60
James A. Carroll	14 80
Balance unexpended	742 76

\$2,485 95	\$2,485 95
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E. A. DARLING,

L. B. GASKILL,

S. E. KELLOGG,

Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915.

No complaints.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Fence Viewers.

SUMMARY.

	Appropriations.	Due from State.	Cash Received.	Total.	Expended.	Unexpended Balance.	Exceeded Appropriation.
Incidental,	\$ 6,000 00		\$ 155 67	\$ 6,155 67	\$ 6,392 31	\$	\$ 236 64
Street lights,	4,822 50			4,822 50	4,063 13	759 37	
State aid,	384 00	\$384		384 00	384 00		
Water for fires,	3,170 00			3,170 00	3,153 33	16 67	
Memorial Day,	60 00			60 00	60 00		
Interest,	500 00		2,437 39	3,037 39	2,170 40	866 99	
State and County Taxes,	30,000 00			30,000 00	32,025 00		2,025 00
Tree Warden,	750 00		2,561 50	3,311 50	3,309 09	2 41	
Town Hall,	500 00		1,760 00	2,260 00	1,620 53	639 47	
Board of Health,	300 00			300 00	100 93	199 07	
Overseers of Poor,	2,000 00		485 95	2,485 95	1,743 19	742 76	
Town map,	2,000 00			2,000 00	1,551 42	448 58	
New fire station,	50,000 00			50,000 00	32,989 81	17,010 19	
New Streets,	25,367 63			25,367 63	25,367 63		
Total,	\$125,954 13	\$384	\$7,400 51	133,354 64	\$114,930 77	20,685 51	\$2,261 64

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY, JANUARY
1, 1916.

Town House	\$50,000 00
Town House, lot	1,000 00
Town House, store fixtures	100 00
Town House, post-office equipment.....	1,200 00
Pest House and lot	1,000 00

SCHOOLS.

School House, Hopedale Street	20,000 00
School House, lot, 1-2 acre.....	600 00
School House, South Hopedale.....	2,000 00
School House, lot, 1 acre	300 00
School House, Dutcher Street	40,000 00
School House, lot, 1 acre	1,200 00
High School Building	35,000 00
High School Building, land, 3 acres	1,000 00
School House, Park Street	37,500 00
School House, Park Street, lot	1,000 00

LIBRARY.

Public Library	15,000 00
Bancroft Memorial Library	35,000 00
Mrs. Susan Preston Draper fountain	15,000 00
Library lot	2,000 00

PARK.

Band Stand	1,000 00
Comfort station	1,000 00
Bath House	1,000 00
Tool House.....	200 00
Darling Hill Shelter	300 00
Land, 22 acres	20,000 00

FIRE.

Apparatus	22,150 00
New Fire Station.....	30,000 00
New Fire Station, lot	2,000 00

POLICE.

Equipment.....	50 00
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TREE WARDEN.

Spraying outfit	1,200 00
Small tools and material	100 00

HIGHWAY PROPERTY.

Stone Crusher and engine	\$ 825 00
Five snow plows	100 00
1 gutter plow	2 00
Small tools	40 00
2 Watering Carts	225 00
Eleven Stand pipes	110 00
Road Roller	40 00
Buildings	1,650 00
50 tons trap rock	62 50
120 yards gravel	90 00
150 yards of rough stone for crusher	90 00
Road plow	150 00
Pump	75 00
Sweeper	125 00
Spraying machine for distributing road oil	185 00
2 Suction pumps	30 00
Steam roller	2,000 00
Portable kettle	50 00
2 Tank Wagons	225 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE
SELECTMEN FOR 1916.

Memorial Day	\$ 60 00
Incidentals	6,000 00
Interest	500 00
Street Lights	4,100 00
Water for fire purposes	3,250 00
State and County taxes	35,000 00
Town Hall	500 00
Support of the poor	2,000 00
Tree Warden	750 00
Board of Health	300 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

REPORT OF THE
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1915.

I have tested and sealed the following scales, weights and measures:

- 8 Platform Scales over 5,000 lbs.
- 73 Platform scales under 5,000 lbs.
- 4 Computing scales.
- 31 other scales.
- 434 Weights.
- 25 Liquid measures.
- 4 Yard Sticks.
- 3 Measuring Pumps.
- 6 Ice Wagon scales.

I have condemned the following scales:

- 6 Platform scales under 5,000 lbs.
- 4 Liquid measures.

I have adjusted the following scales and weights:

- 1 Platform scale over 5,000 lbs.
- 5 Platform scales under 5,000 lbs.
- 14 Weights.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WHEELER,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE:—

Gentlemen:—I submit to you my report for the year as inspector: A general inspection of all cattle and swine and the premises where the same were kept was made during the year 1915 and a written report of the condition of each barn and stable was sent to the state board of cattle commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK GASKILL,

Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS. For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915.

	DR.	CR.
By appropriation		\$8,000 00
Sewer assessments		190 00
Town of Milford, assessment on Daniels St.....		25 92
Material sold		152 35
Work for outside parties (labor and material)....		1,825 24
Street railway tax returned by tax collector.....		561 20
Street railway tax returned by State		523 11
General repairs:—		
To labor	\$5,797 15	
Material	1,971 21	
J. M. Demers	21 90	
Edson Mfg. Co.	5 53	
Draper Company	165 87	
Buffalo Steam Roller Co.	4 59	
Milford Water Co.	10 50	
Good Roads Machinery Co.	6 30	
E. D. Bancroft, Treas.	6 45	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	36 95	
Grafton & Upton R. R. Co.	50	
Milford Journal Co.	2 50	
Geo. H. Locke	3 07	
Henry L. Patrick	5 95	
Town of Milford (Sewer Dept.)	105 00	
Hartford Steam Boiler Ins. & Ins. Co.	68 00	
James L. Lilley	4 50	
Harold L. Bond	33 25	

George A. Draper	50 00
Milford Iron Foundry	1 80
Luchini & Manzani	10 80
H. D. Bowker	4 75
John M. MacLauchlan	50 00
Lewis H. Barney	44 49
Town of Hopedale, (Fire Dept.)	1 05
Clark Ellis & Sons	24 73

SIDEWALKS.

To labor	312 18
Material	180 20
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	52 09
A. H. French	12 25

STREET WATERING.

To Running Cart	485 40
Milford Water Co., (Water)	251 48
J. M. Demers	13 00
J. Lilley	45 00
C. Callahan Co.	32 56

\$9,821 00

Balance unexpended 1,456 82

\$11,277 82 \$11,277 82

HOPEDALE STREET.

	DR.	CR.
By appropriation		\$1,500 00
To Barrett Mfg. Co.	\$844 37	
Labor and material by department	654 63	
Balance unexpended	1 00	
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	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00

HOPE STREET BRIDGE.

DR. CR.

By appropriation		\$6,500 00
To Ernest W. Wiggin	\$413 58	
Arthur P. Clarridge	48 80	
Charles A. Sibley	5,500 00	
Balance unexpended	537 62	
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	\$6,500 00	\$6,500 00

SUMMARY.

Departments.	Appropriations.	Credits for Outside work, etc.	Total Credits.	Amount Expended.	Unexpended Balance.	Exceeded Appropriation.
General Repairs, Side- walks, and Street Watering,	\$8,000 00	\$ 3,277 82	\$11,277 82	\$9,821 00	\$1,456 82	
Hopedale Street,	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,499 00	1 00	
Hope Street Bridge,	6,500 00		6,500 00	5,962 38	537 62	
Totals,	\$16,000 00	\$3,277 82	\$19,277 82	\$17,282 38	\$ 1,995 44	

CHARLES E. PIERCE,
GEORGE A. DRAPER,
DANA OSGOOD,

Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT. For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915.

By Appropriation	\$4,000 00
City of Bath, Me., sale of hose wagon.....	125 00
Town of Mendon, services	25 00
Tree Warden Department, gasoline	8 25
Highway Department, gasoline	1 05
Received for old hose, gasoline, etc.	39 37
	<hr/> \$4,198 67

PAY ROLL.

To pay of Engineers	\$244 00
F. W. Nichols, pay of Hose No. 3	427 50
J. A. Hanley, pay of Hose No. 3	393 50
C. H. Brooks, pay of Ladder No. 1..	384 00
H. B. Wood, caretaker and driver ...	462 50
R. C. Howland, caretaker and driver .	228 00
A. W. Lamb, caretaker and driver ..	93 00
A. E. Weeks, sub. driver	41 00
E. S. Newhall, poll tax of Dept.	56 00
H. B. Leonard, fire police	20 00
C. S. Freethy, driver	20 83
M. J. Creamer, driver	40 83
W. Eastwood driver	4 16
N. R. Richardson, driver	12 50
E. G. Blair, driver	12 50
C. H. Marsden, driver	12 50

Incidentals:—

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	26 83
Milford Water Co., telephone charge .	75
Milford Gas Light Co.	41 98
Bowker & Barnard, rubber boots	19 00
H. E. Brown, labor	34 00
E. W. Coffin, fireman's coats	50 45
T. H. Craddock, lunch	8 87
J. B. Chapin, Mendon expense	15 00
Davoren's Express, carting	50
Draper Co., stock and labor	29 42
Standard Extinguisher Co., soda	7 00
Valentine & Co., varnish	20 40
G. Woodward, labor on fire alarm ..	5 00
H. B. Wood, supplies	2 50
G. P. Walcott, bunting	5 87
J. M. Demers, labor	1 75
Eldredge & Son, paint, etc.	17 15
E. D. Elsmore, supplies	1 00
The Forbes Co., printing	3 50
The Fireman's Standard, subscription	2 00
N. L. Huff, prestolite exchange	1 75
Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co., gates....	15 00
G. & U. R. R., freight	1 00
Gray & Davis, Inc., headlights	16 00
Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co.	10 80
J. J. Gibbs, flags	1 00
S. E. Kellogg, fire alarm expense....	5 00
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., teams	5 50
Hustus Nozzle Co., chemical nozzle ..	11 00
H. B. Leonard, extra duty at fire	75
E. L. Hancock, polish	1 25
J. M. Hardy, gaskets	1 00
R. C. Howland, supplies	1 00
Knox Motors Co., repair parts	202 15
W. H. Lane, painting apparatus	55 50
A. W. Lamb, labor and supplies	108 31

M. & U. St. R. R., labor on fire alarm	4 53
Milford Elec. Light & Power Co.	82 28
Milford Laundry, laundry	23 59
National Metal Stamping Co., acid jars	22 00
H. L. Patrick, merchandise	8 21
Pettingell—Andrews,	119 31
P. A. Phipps, carting ashes	2 88
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	202 00
G. E. Stimpson, office equipments	45 00
Fuel:—	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	404 25
Water:—	
Milford Water Co.	32 81
Unexpended balance.....	49 37
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	\$4,198 67

FOREST FIRES.

By Appropriation	\$100 00
B. H. B. Draper	20 00
Amount overdrawn	7 07
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	\$127 07
To W. F. Durgin, money expended....	\$ 8 13
J. B. Chapin, money expended	75 00
A. A. Westcott, money expended	21 38
Draper Co., vitriol	8 06
State Forester, wire brooms	7 50
Standard Extinguishing Co., soda	7 00
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	\$127 07

HOSE.

By Appropriation	\$400 00
To Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co., 700 ft.	
2 1-2 in. fire hose	400 00

SUMMARY.

	Appropriations.	Credits from Sales and Services.	Total Credits.	Expended.	Exceeded Appropriation.	Unexpended Balance.
General.	\$4,000 00	\$ 198 67	\$4,198 67	\$4,149 30		\$ 49 37
Hose,	400 00		400 00	400 00		
Brush Fires,	100 00	20 00	120 00	127 07	\$ 7 07	
	\$4,500 00	\$218 67	\$4,718 67	\$4,676 37	\$7 07	\$49 37

ROSTER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Samuel E. Kellogg, Chief,

Joseph B. Chapin, Asst. Chief and Clerk,

Charles E. Pierce, 2nd Asst. Chief.

MEMBERS.

Ladder Co. No. 1.

F. G. Crockett, Captain.

C. W. Wheeler, 1st Lieutenant.

Jos. Grant 2nd Lieutenant.

C. H. Brooks, Clerk and Treas.

H. C. Cronan,

R. L. Look,

J. M. Jacobson,

C. S. Freethy,

Frank Aldrich, Substitute.

Walter Clough, Substitute.

MEMBERS.

Hose Co. No. 3.

T. H. Craddock, Captain.	W. E. Taylor, 2nd Lieutenant.
H. P. Crawford, 1st Lieutenant.	J. A. Hanley, Treas.
N. R. Richardson, Clerk.	W. E. Whitney.
W. N. Draper.	H. N. Sheldon.
J. E. Monahan.	J. E. Newton.
L. E. Wells.	M. J. Creamer.
F. L. Arnold.	W. H. Brown.
C. H. Marsden.	W. B. Philbrook.
E. G. Blair.	C. E. Young, Substitute.
G. G. Bayley, Substitute.	

Stewards and Drivers, A. W. Lamb, H. B. Wood.

Drivers, M. J. Creamer, E. G. Blair, C. H. Marsden, C. S. Freethy.

Fire Police, H. B. Leonard.

PROPERTY.

Central Station	\$30,000 00
Land	2,000 00
Auto Combination No. 1.	400 00
Auto Ladder Truck No. 1	3,700 00
Auto Combination No 2	7,500 00
Auto Forest Fire Truck	3,000 00
Fire Alarm Telegraph	4,200 00
Hose	2,000 00
Extinguishers, supplies etc.	100 00

RECORD OF FIRES.

Jan. 29. Box 53 at 11.30 A. M. Tenement, Hopedale St. occupied by C. H. Jewett, owned by Draper Co.

Feb. 6. Box 35 at 12.25 A. M. Stable, Water St., owned by Mrs. E. L. Osgood.

- Mar. 10. Still Alarm. Grass near Hopedale St.
 Mar. 13. Box 33 at 3.30 P. M. Grass near playground,
 Freedom St.
 Mar. 13. Still Alarm. Brush, So. Hopedale.
 Mar. 14. Still Alarm. Brush, near Mrs. Osgood's.
 Mar. 14. Still Alarm. Chimney, Sam Gaskill, So. Hopedale.
 Mar. 19. Still Alarm. Brush, So. Hopedale.
 Mar. 19. Still Alarm. Brush, Freedom St.
 Mar. 20. Still Alarm. Brush, Highland St.
 Apr. 14. Still Alarm. Brush, So. Hopedale.
 Apr. 18. Still Alarm. Brush, So. Hopedale.
 Apr. 18. Box 45 at 3.00 P. M. Tenement, Soward St.,
 occupied by E. Emig and E. Nason, owned by Draper Co.
 Apr. 21. Still Alarm. Brush near town farm, Milford.
 Apr. 24. Still Alarm. Brush, Parkland.
 Apr. 25. Box 42 at 7.00 P. M. Tenement, Bancroft Park,
 occupied by Chas. Arrand, owned by Draper Co.
 June 2. Box 45 at 6.15 A. M. Tenement, Progress St., oc-
 cupied by Q. A. Fletcher, owned by Draper Co.
 Sept. 19. Box 35 at 4.45 P. M. Tenement, Maple St.,
 occupied by Santo Barto, owned by Draper Co.
 Nov. 2. Box 38 at 2.20 A. M. False.
 Nov. 12. Still Alarm. Lumber, near Hope St. Bridge.
 Nov. 15. Still Alarm. Brush, Eight Rod Road.

REPORTS WHERE ACTUAL FIRES HAVE OCCURRED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Buildings—	Value	\$17,000 00
	Insurance	14,000 00
	Loss	6,335 00
Contents—	Value	\$7,500 00
	Insurance	5,500 00
	Loss	3,045 00
Total—	Value	\$24,500 00
	Insurance	19,500 00
	Loss	9,380 00

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

- Box 25—Draper Co. yard. Shipping Platform.
 Box 26—Hopedale St., opp. Union St.
 Box 27—Dutcher St., Central Station.
 Box 32—Union St., cor. Prospect.
 Box 33—Dutcher St., cor. Freedom.
 Box 35—Northrop St., cor. Freedom.
 Box 36—Northrop St., opp. C. F. Roper's shop.
 Box 37—Dutcher St., cor. Dennett.
 Box 38—Dutcher St., opp. F. E. Douglas'.
 Box 39—Dutcher St., opp. C. E. Nutting's.
 Box 42—Bancroft Park, west side.
 Box 45—Freedom St., west side of bridge.
 Box 46—Hope St., near Hopedale Coal & Ice Co. office.
 Box 53—Hopedale St., cor. Adin.
 Box 57—Adin St., opp. E. S. Draper's.
 Box 59—West Main St., near turnout.
 Box 62—West Main St., cor. Hopedale.
 Box 64—Westcott's Mills, Spindleville.
 Box 65—West Main St., west of bridge. (Telephone box).
 Box 72—Blanchard's Corner, So. Hopedale. (Telephone box).
 Box 74—Green Store, So. Hopedale. (Telephone box).

SIGNALS.

- 1 Blast—Chief of Department.
 2 Blasts—All out or recall.
 8 Blasts—Forest fire or house call.

Box test Saturdays at 5.30 P. M., one round.

For the year 1916 we would recommend :

General	\$5,200 00
Hose	400 00
Forest Fires	100 00

S. E. KELLOGG,
 C. E. PIERCE,
 J. B. CHAPIN,

Board of Fire Engineers.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915.

Valuation of Real Estate, excluding land	\$1,488,790 00
Valuation of Real Estate, excluding buildings ..	329,250 00

Total value of Real Estate	1,818,040 00
Total value of Personal Estate	7,102,404 00

Total valuation	\$8,920,444 00
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Tax rate per \$1,000	\$13 20	
Tax on property		117,749 86
Number of polls assessed	872	
Tax on each poll	2 00	
Tax on polls		\$1,744 00

Total amount raised by taxation	\$119,493 86
Corporation tax	414 18
Public Service tax	5,658 96
Bank tax	24,997 33
Street Railway tax	1,084 31
	\$151,648 64

Number of persons assessed	1020
Number of persons assessed on property	296
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only.....	724
Number of polls assessed	872
Number of horses assessed	67
Number of cows assessed	60
Number of neat cattle assessed	18

Number of swine assessed	5
Number of dwelling houses assessed	473
Acres of land assessed	2,823 acres, 135 rods
Population	2,564

W. S. HAGUE,
WM. W. KNIGHTS,
H. A. BILLINGS,

Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1914 Taxes.

	DR.	CR.
To Uncollected Taxes	\$41 00	
Reinstated Taxes	4 00	
Interest collected	32	
By Taxes abated		\$18 20
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas. ..		27 12
	\$45 32	\$45 32

1915 Taxes.

To Taxes committed for collection	\$119,493 86	
Interest collected	5 04	
Fees collected	8 70	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas.		\$119,361 01
Taxes abated		146 59

\$119,507 60 \$119,507 60

Excise Tax committed for collection:—

Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Railway Co.	\$ 68 79	
Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway Company	155 29	
Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company	337 12	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas. .		\$561 20
	\$561 20	\$561 20

SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Committed for collection	\$190 00	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft Treas.		\$190 00
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	\$190 00	\$190 00

EUGENE S. NEWHALL,

Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The disbursements of the town of Hopedale through its several departments for the year 1915 are covered by receipts and receipted bills for correct amounts. The treasurer's books show a correct balance between income and expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

ADIN A. MESSINGER,

Auditor.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARK COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1915.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

CHARLES F. ROPER, Chairman,	Term expires 1916.
FRANK S. CLARK, Secretary,	" " 1917.
FRANK J. DUTCHER,	" " 1918.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE FOR USE OF PARK DEPARTMENT.

General appropriation	\$2,500 00
Sale of wood	188 00
Sale of timber	480 00
Use of lockers at bath house	4 00

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Fertilizer:—

Clark Ellis & Sons	\$59 50
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Plans and Surveys:—

Draper Co.	16 35
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Bath House:—

Otis Whitney & Son, repairs float....	20 51
Draper Co.	10
Milford Water Co., water	14 00
A. H. French, sand and moving	20 30
Extra labor	15 30

Roads and Paths:—

J. F. Powers, teaming	12 50
W. H. Johnston, teaming.....	10 00

Trees and Shrubs:—

American Forestry Co.	25 25
M. H. Walsh	5 00
Grafton & Upton R. R. Co.....	50
Draper Co.	80

Ballou Park:—

Work on trees and shrubs	25 76
Milford Water Co.	6 00
A. H. French	2 10

Tools:—

Clark Ellis & Sons	19 05
W. A. Prentiss	1 80

Comfort Station:—

H. L. Patrick	1 12
Milford Water Co.	6 83
Draper Co.	5 67
Extra labor, supervising	22 50

Pay Roll:—

E. D. Bancroft, Treas.	1,746 66
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Athletic Goods:—

Wright & Ditson Co.	8 93
Adams Express Co.	29
Clark Ellis & Sons	2 70

Incidentals:—

Gracomo Capece, sawing wood	10 00
E. H. Forbush, expenses	1 20
H. L. Patrick, bird feed	40 68
H. L. Patrick, sundries	7 68
W. C. Tewksbury, electric work....	2 30
Milford Water Co., water	14 00
Draper Co., labor and material....	247 75
P. A. Phipps, teaming	10 00
Milford Journal Co., reports	9 50
J. F. Powers, sawing wood	45 90
J. F. Powers, teaming	59 50
W. H. Johnston, teaming	20 00
A. H. French, mowing	35 90
Draper Co., telephone and telegrams	1 72
Arthur Hall, teaming	1 00
W. H. Manning, services	140 69

Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies	8 07	
Milford Journal Co., printing	3 50	
Lumbering, extra labor	380 31	
H. D. Bowker, supplies	4 25	
Otis Whitney & Son, repair Rawson's Bridge	75 44	
W. N. Draper, supplies	1 75	
Balance unexpended	1 34	
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	\$3,172 00	\$3,172 00

ADIN STREET LOT.

Interest 1915	\$65 84
Balance from 1914	09

ORDERS DRAWN ON TOWN TREASURER.

A. H. French, mowing	\$ 8 40	
E. D. Bancroft Treas., payroll	57 53	
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	\$65 93	\$65 93

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Park Commissioners for the year of 1915 is herewith submitted.

PARK PLAYGROUNDS.

Tennis, Base Ball, Football and other out-of-door games are enjoyed here. Requests from the tennis enthusiasts for a new court have been received.

The building of the Park Street School will add to the number using the grounds and a new entrance opposite the easterly end of Park Street is under consideration.

ROADS AND PATHS.

No new work has been done this year, but many of the older trails have been widened by cutting out the encroaching underbrush and in some sections old culverts and water courses

replaced and paths resurfaced. A number of seats have been placed in desirable locations along the easterly side of the pond.

SKATING AND SLIDING.

With the assistance of various town officials efforts have been made to provide places where the younger of our winter athletes can have their fill of sport such as snow and ice provide, under safe and sane conditions.

FOOD FOR THE BIRDS.

During the winter months feed of various kinds is offered our wild friends and judging by the numbers present to enjoy the "free lunch" the town's bounty must be appreciated.

CHESTNUT BARK DISEASE.

For several years our Chestnut trees have shown the effects of this blight, and acting on the recommendations of Nation and State, the cutting of the trees was decided upon. The removal of so many trees leaves some spots more or less bare, this will be overcome by natural seeding and planting next season.

BATH HOUSE.

Bathers, to the number of 7103 have used the Bath House this year, 5735 were male and 1368 females. Of the total number 5656 were present afternoons, 1157 evenings and 290 Sundays. The largest number of males in one day, 237; females 135.

FIELD DAY.

Popular and well attended as usual this Annual was a great success.

IN GENERAL.

If the good derived from a public utility can be judged by the number of persons availing themselves of its opportunities then the Playgrounds, Bath House

and Park System as a whole are surely doing what is intended. The increase in the town's population during the last few years has had a like effect on the number using our System and consequently the cost of maintaining the various utilities has increased.

CHARLES F. ROPER,
FRANK J. DUTCHER,
FRANK S. CLARK,

Park Commissioners.



PARK STREET SCHOOL HOUSE FROM DUTCHER STREET

Thirtieth Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1915.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Chairman	1916
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER	1917
J. L. REMINGTON, JR., Secretary	1918

F. G. ATWELL, Superintendent.

(Office hours: Dutcher Street building, Thursdays 3 to 5.)

TRUANT OFFICERS.

F. G. ATWELL	WARREN F. GASKILL,
JOSEPH W GIBBS,	WM. H. HATCH, H. H. HART.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

F. G. ATWELL.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

M. W. KNIGHT, M. D.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE FOR USE OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

General appropriation	\$19,500 00
School lunches	51 54
Supplies sold	27 45

ORDERS DRAWN ON TOWN TREASURER.

Committee Expenses:—

Reports, printing, telephone, etc.	\$ 75 85
Supervision	758 02
Superintendent's expenses, car fares, etc.	23 78
Teaching	12,095 25
Text books	500 94
Supplies	175 00

Incidentals:—

Apparatus, chemicals, manual training, supplies, materials for sewing, cooking, etc.	372 04
Care of buildings	1,483 59
Fuel	2,051 72
Water, gas, janitors' supplies, etc.	280 10
Repairs	1,313 72
School Physician	64 00
Transportation	205 00

Sundries:—

Graduation expenses, insurance, etc.	177 23
Unexpended	2 75

\$19,578 99	\$19,578 99
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NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Appropriation	\$25,000 00	
Balance unexpended, 1914	5,124 37	
Orders drawn to December 31st	\$28,301 37	
Unexpended	1,823 00	
	\$30,124 37	\$30,124 37

We submit herewith the Thirtieth annual Report of the School Committee.

The division of the expense account is made in accordance with instructions of the State Board of Education.

The Park Street School Building was not quite ready for use at the opening of the Fall Term, but was opened October 22nd. Three of the school rooms are now in use.

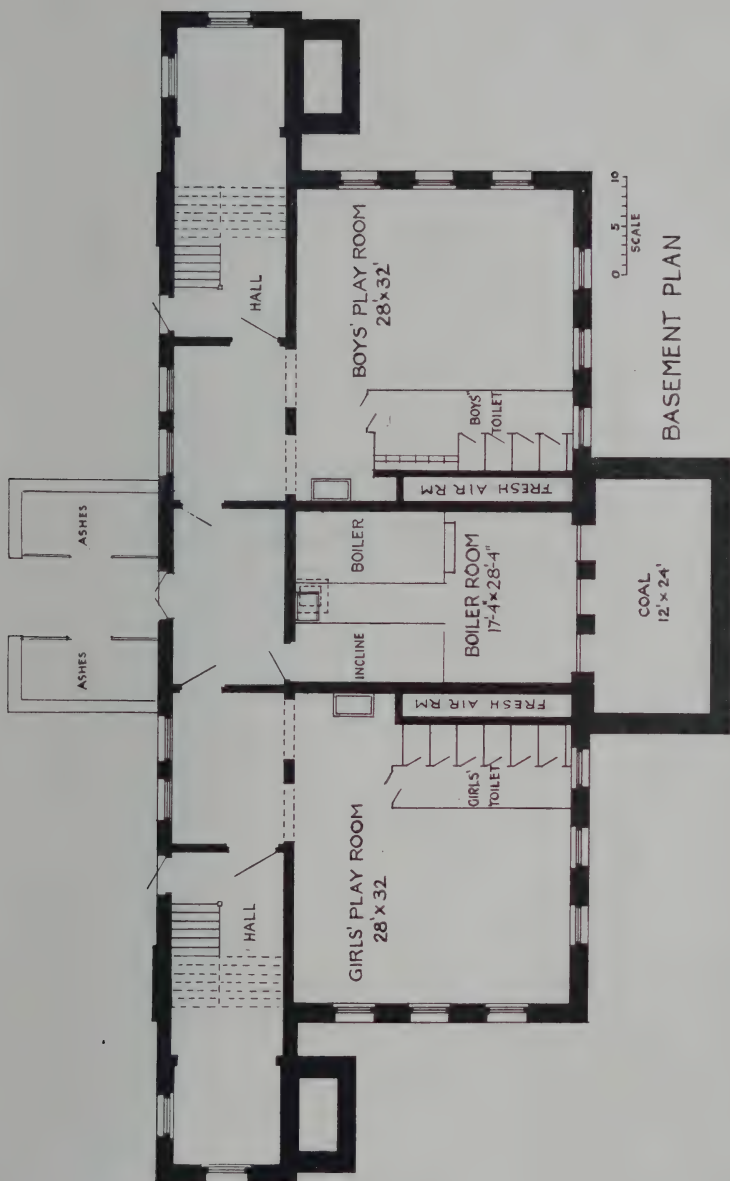
The cost of the building up to date is shown in a separate report of the Building Committee. There will be some small additional expense the coming Spring in connection with finishing the work on the grounds, but there is no doubt that the unexpended balance will fully meet all contingencies.

The item of repairs of buildings the past year has been unusually large, and it is evident that as the buildings grow older this expense will be more than in the past.

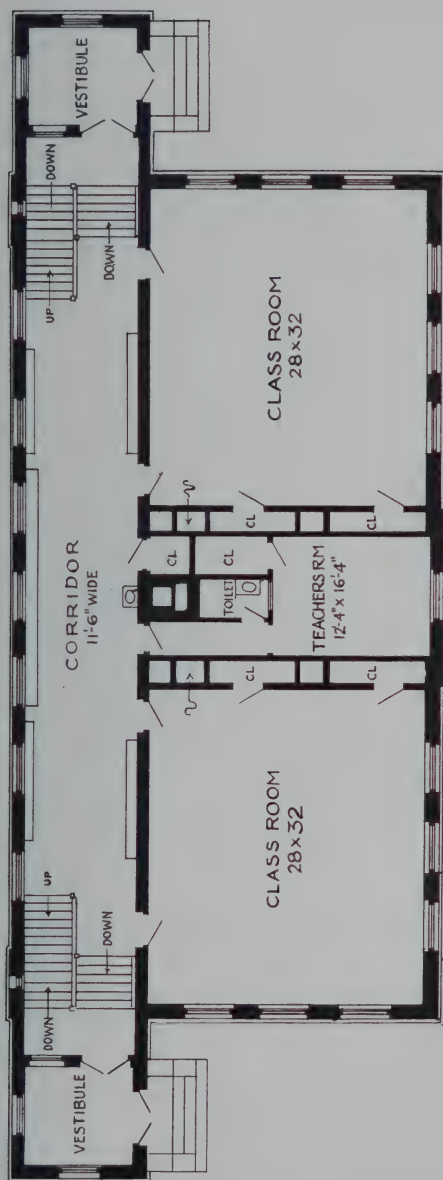
We recommend an appropriation of \$19,500.00 for the coming fiscal year.

FRANK J. DUTCHER,
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER,
J. L. REMINGTON, JR.,

School Committee.

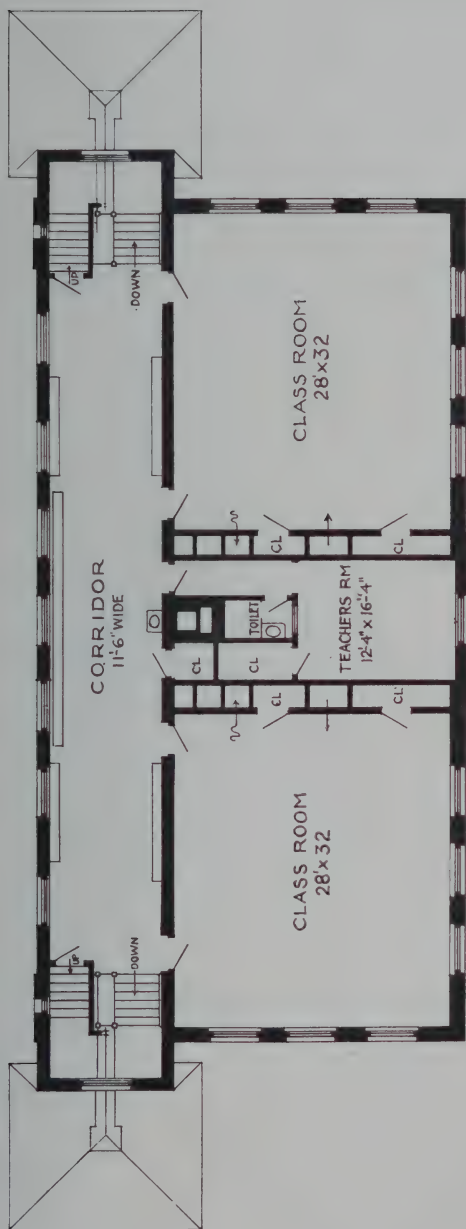


PARK STREET SCHOOL HOUSE



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

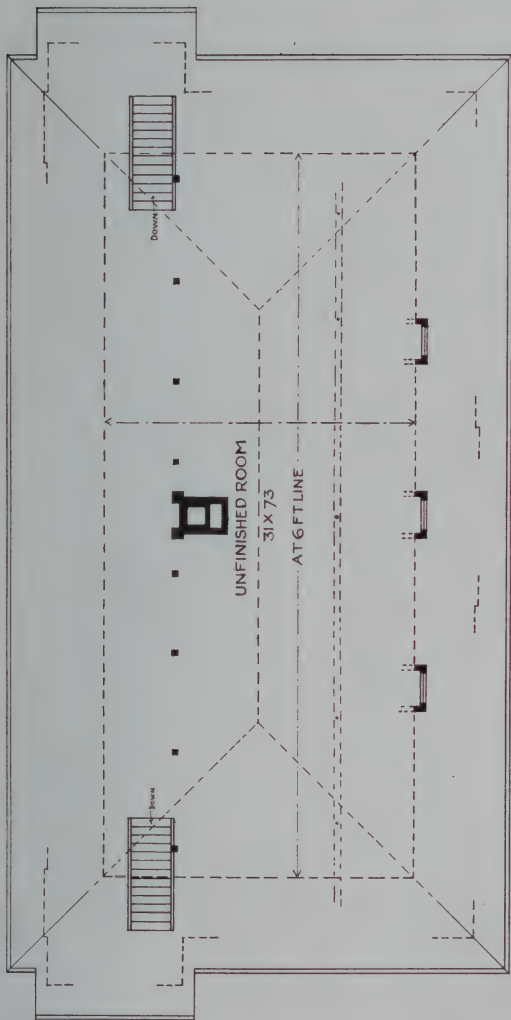
PARK STREET SCHOOL HOUSE



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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

PARK STREET SCHOOL HOUSE



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THIRD FLOOR PLAN

PARK STREET SCHOOL HOUSE

REPORT OF SCHOOL HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed at the Town Meeting held June 26th, 1914, reports the Park Street School Building practically completed and the construction expenses up to December 31, 1915 are as shown below.

Some additional work will be necessary in the Spring to re-seed more or less of the ground and to replace such trees, etc. as may have been winter killed.

There will also be a few small expenses on the building, but the unexpended balance will undoubtedly more than cover what remains to be done.

The cost of the building is several thousand dollars higher than it would have been in some other location, but the committee feels that the town made no mistake in locating the building on Park Street as it is much more convenient to the new school children than any other location would have been. This lot, as was explained in the original report to the town, has a ledge under practically its entire surface and the added expense incident to blasting both on the building site and in connection with drains, sewer, etc., and the disposition of the large quantity of surplus stone on the lot when purchased, very materially increased the construction expense.

Another source of increased expense was the planning for future addition should it ever be needed. The corridors are of sufficient capacity to take care of a building with eight or ten rooms, and four to six rooms can be added to the building without interfering with school work.

The furnishings for the new building are practically complete, and the expense account shows a small unexpended balance which will be ample to cover anything which may be needed.

FRANK J. DUTCHER,
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER,
J. L. REMINGTON, JR.,
E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Committee.

PARK STREET SCHOOL BUILDING.

DR.	CR.
Appropriations	\$50,000 00
Draper Company, land about 1½ acres	\$1,000 00
Dillon Bros., construction, including excavating, foundations, heating, plumbing, electric wiring, heat regulation, painting, brickwork, carpentry, blasting, etc.	37,722 28
A. P. Clarridge, brick walks, ash enclosure, etc,	464 61
Cenedella & Co., boundary walls	1,421 73
Frank A. Kendall, Architect.....	2,121 48
Draper Company, engineers and surveyors,	379 43
Labor grading lot; fertilizer; trees and shrubs	1,862 76
Warren H. Manning, Landscape Designer	402 38
Cenedella & Co., sewer work, labor and materials	1,305 73
Cendella & Co., and others, drains and fittings	504 83
Metcalf & Eddy, engineering on sewers, etc.	54 51
Milford Water Company, connections	43 13
W. H. Stevens, lightning rods.....	177 00
Atlantic Clock Company, clocks.....	275 00
Pettingell, Andrews Co., electric light fixtures	178 47
Milford Electric Light & Power Co., electric lamps	20 98
Allen Shade Holder Company, window shades	125 00
Flag pole, freight and setting.....	106 45

Draper Company, telephones, etc.....	11 23	
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Expended to Dec. 31, 1915.....	\$48,177 00	
Unexpended	1,823 00	
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	\$50,000 00	\$50,000 00

FURNISHINGS FOR PARK STREET SCHOOL
BUILDING

CR.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
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DR.

Furniture and equipment:

Expended to December 31, 1915....	\$1,411 51
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Unexpended	88 49
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	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HOPEDALE:—

The twenty-second annual report of the superintendent of schools is herewith presented.

SCHOOL AND CENSUS STATISTICS, 1914-1915.

Population of Hopedale, April 1, 1915.....	2564
Number of children between 5 and 7 years of age.....	96
Number of children between 7 and 14 years of age.....	278
Number of children between 14 and 16 years of age.....	68
Number of children between 5 and 16 years of age.....	442
Ratio of children between 5 and 16 to population of town	.176
Total school registration	478
Ratio of school registration to population of town.....	.186
Average membership of all the schools	443
Average daily attendance	418
Percentage of daily attendance for Hopedale.....	94.33
Number of pupils between 5 and 7 years of age.....	95
Number of pupils between 7 and 14 years of age.....	292
Number of pupils between 14 and 16 years of age.....	55
Number of pupils between 5 and 16 years of age.....	442
Number of regular teachers employed.....	16
Number of special teachers	4
Number of assistants	2

THE PARK STREET SCHOOL.

The Park Street building was ready for occupancy early in the school year, but none too soon. The two schools which had been located in the assembly hall of the Dutcher Street building

were so much larger than last year that the accommodations were far from satisfactory. So far as fitness to purpose is concerned, the new building possesses it to a very high degree.

It became necessary to establish a definite line of demarcation between the two schools, and Northrop Street seemed the most natural boundary. All of the pupils living on or north of Northrop Street, and belonging in any one of the first four grades, attend the Park Street school. It is not customary nor practicable to allow pupils to change from one school to another except for reasons which appear to the school committee to be proper and adequate. The usual policy is to prevent transfers except in rare cases. Any other course leads to complications and embarrassing precedents.

ROLL OF HONOR.

For several years a roll of honor, containing the names of all those pupils who have been neither tardy nor absent, has been included in the school report. It is probable that this has improved the attendance though its value and usefulness have certain limitations. As soon as a pupil has one absence or tardiness recorded against him, his name cannot appear on the roll of honor for that term, and he naturally loses a part or all of his interest in perfect attendance. He is out of the running, so to speak. The roll of honor exerts no real influence except on the few who have a perfect record.

Another plan is being tried this year. Each school has a silk flag which is displayed outside the door every session that all are present on time. This flag announces to all who pass through the corridor that the attendance in that particular room is perfect. It makes every pupil feel an obligation to be present every day. Otherwise his school is deprived of the honor of having its flag out. He is actuated by the group spirit, the same spirit that enters into patriotism. By thinking first of the good of his school when he is young, he will learn to consider the welfare of the community when he grows up. The effect of a roll of honor is to cause a few pupils to strive to secure personal distinction. The effect of the flag scheme is to raise the average daily attendance of the entire school. The motive in the first case is indi-

vidualistic and selfish. In the second case, the motive is social and public spirited.

SMOKING AMONG BOYS.

Smoking among men is most emphatically their own business and not ours. Smoking among boys is primarily the business of their parents, and yet it concerns the schools also. It would be difficult to prove that a pipe or a cigar seriously injures a man who does not form the habit until he arrives at full physical size, strength, and development. It is certain that smoking does injure growing boys physically, mentally, and morally. Here is a distinction which boys almost never understand. Here is an issue which parents should grasp, and concerning which they should take definite and decisive action in all suspected cases.

As a rule smoking among grade boys is not general. It is far more prevalent among boys of high school age. School authorities always intend to prevent smoking on the school premises where their control is absolute and undivided. Going to and from school the law specifies a joint control by parents and school authorities. But the important point is not where a boy smokes or who has jurisdiction in the matter. The question is does he smoke at all and is he being injured thereby? If so, any one who is interested in his welfare, should do all in his power to prevent further harm.

It is not probable there is so much smoking among our grade boys as would be found in most places, yet it is safe to infer that there is some, otherwise the subject would not be mentioned in this report. It is hoped each parent will take up the matter with his own boys and ascertain the actual facts so far as they concern his family.

INEFFICIENCY IN EDUCATION.

That educational results are meager in proportion to the cost of the public schools is the claim of educators as well as laymen. The highest educational officer in the state recently said that the education of children from eleven to eighteen years of age is extremely costly and woefully inefficient. S. A. Courtis, an expert in measuring educational results, asserts that the numerous

educational surveys all reveal the inefficiency of our present educational practice. He claims that wasted effort and lost motion run as high as seventy per cent. Such men are striving to make a correct diagnosis, and they are earnestly seeking effective remedies. We have nothing to fear from them. It is they who will ultimately solve the problem of more efficient schools.

The teachers and those otherwise connected with the schools are clearly conscious of their defects. They are earnest and purposeful in their efforts to improve conditions. They welcome remedial suggestions and constructive criticism. They are glad to co-operate with every real friend of the public schools. On the other hand, they believe, because there is evidence to prove it, that children read, write, figure and spell better at the present time than ever before. A few years ago several hundred old examination papers were discovered in the city of Springfield. These papers were written by pupils of that city in 1846. The story is old now, but the important fact is that those same tests were submitted to hundreds of Massachusetts pupils sixty years later, and the results of the tests were invariably much better than in 1846. The better showing was all the more remarkable in view of the fact that many subjects have since been added to the curriculum, and children possess a greater variety of knowledge now than at that earlier date.

The overcrowded curriculum is often criticized, and with some reason, yet this is not so serious as some may be led to believe. Dr. G. Stanley Hall says: "If a teacher is full of his subject, and can induce enthusiasm in his pupils; if his facts are concrete and naturally connected, the amount of material that an average child can assimilate without injury is as astonishing as is the little that will fag him if it is a trifle above or below or remote from him, or taught dully or incoherently." Some years ago a prominent New England teacher demonstrated the truth of Dr. Hall's statement. With a group of young girls she covered two or three times the ground usually covered in school in the same time. The experiment extended through a year, and the underlying principles which characterized it were interest, joy, and naturalness. No prizes were offered, no competition was encour-

aged, no one was coerced, no one was overworked, and yet the results were remarkable. These children simply grew in knowledge, real knowledge. Their intellects expanded under sympathetic and expert guidance. The curriculum may be somewhat crowded, but a more real difficulty lies in its faulty administration.

That the public schools have not achieved the highest measure of efficiency is true. Neither has any other social institution, including all forms of government, national, state, and municipal. It must be remembered that faults and imperfections are common to all human effort. The imperfections in our public school system which seem to me the most important are not the ones usually pointed out by the critics of the schools. I wish to call attention to the facts and conditions which most impede our progress locally, and which there is reason to believe are quite general.

What seems to me our greatest educational misfortune is the fact that our subject matter is not more humanistic and less scholastic. It deals altogether too much with a dead past instead of the living present. Pupils are acquiring facts and more facts instead of learning to use them. They are loading up an already overburdened memory instead of training the reasoning powers. They are learning to know rather than to appreciate. They study in order to secure a diploma rather than to enrich life. It is said that wealthy Romans used to dissolve pearls in vinegar and drink the resulting mixture, not because the concoction was nourishing or palatable, but because it was considered quite the proper thing to do. Some of the subject matter of the average curriculum is no more nourishing to the intellect, appeals no more strongly to the intellectual appetite, and is partaken of from an equally artificial motive.

A prominent railroad official recently said: "Most of the shortcomings of our schools are directly traceable to social conditions over which the teachers have no control and which must be rectified by the co-operation of the citizens at large." The social changes of the last two generations are numerous and of far reaching importance to the public schools. The family, not an individual, is the true unit of civilization. This truth is recog-

nized by all writers, but it is fast losing its hold upon the average parent. There was a time when the idea of duty and service was from the child to the family. Now the reverse is too often true. Respect for age and experience was once a virtue. Now too many children consider themselves quite wise enough to choose and act for themselves without advice from parents or teachers. The marked decline in the relative importance of the family and the vast increase in the prestige and influence of the child is exceedingly unfortunate for both the family and the child, and reacts unfavorably upon the schools.

Another real difficulty is a lack of purposefulness in the rising generation. As a people we may not be lacking in this respect, but seriousness of purpose does not develop so early in life as in the days of the "little red schoolhouse." The introduction of one form of sport after another and of one variety of entertainment after another has tended to make of our youth a generation of pleasure-seekers. The amount of time, energy, and interest diverted from school work by the numerous forms of amusement seems to be on the increase rather than otherwise. The schools have suffered, and are now suffering, from these changed social conditions.

The serene indifference with which children forget things, even when ever so well taught, accounts for a large amount of apparent educational inefficiency. It is human to forget, and most children are quite human, still the stubborn fact remains that it is not what one learns, but what he remembers, that becomes a part of his education. Our schools will not reach a high degree of efficiency until parents, teachers, and pupils fully realize that to forget facts once learned is as great a misfortune as to lose money once earned.

It is not the purpose of the foregoing paragraphs to shield the schools from their just share of responsibility for any defects in education which may exist. It is my opinion, nevertheless, that many of the criticisms of the public schools found in the daily papers are not well founded. The writers of such articles should be reminded that a very large percentage—sometimes stated to be as high as eighty per cent.—of business enterprises go

through bankruptcy sooner or later. The record of the public schools is certainly no worse than this.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The condition of the high school is so satisfactory that I have no recommendations to make for its improvement, and to praise it as much as it deserves might seem in bad taste. The number of recent graduates now in college and the character of the work they are doing remove all question as to whether the local high school fits for college. It is not probable that anyone who really understood the matter ever doubted it.

Preparation for college is not the only function of a high school, but it can not be overlooked entirely. It is often exaggerated out of all proportion to its true importance, yet the majority of people judge a high school by this standard alone. If one of its graduates should fail to gain admission to college, even if the failure were largely due to his own disinclination to work, the school would be condemned by the public as inefficient. The fact that ninety-nine others had been most thoroughly prepared for life would hardly be counted as a mitigating circumstance.

Probably our high school never had so many students in college or preparing for college as at the present time, and this is very gratifying. No undue influence has been exerted to stimulate the college spirit, and no other phase of our school work has been neglected. It must ever be our effort to maintain a proper balance between the various school activities.

THE WASHINGTON TRIP.

Two facts relating to these trips become more and more obvious each year. There is an ever increasing reluctance on the part of the public to support the various schemes of the classes for raising funds. This ought not to surprise anyone. Each class makes an effort to raise about two hundred dollars. An annual contribution by the public of this amount may not seem to be much of a financial burden at first, but the time arrives finally when it begins to be felt.

The diversion of the necessary thought, time, and effort on the part of the class from regular school work ultimately shows in the amount and quality of work accomplished. As the difficulty of raising funds increases, this evil becomes greater. It is easy to conceive of it as serious enough to require official action similar to what has been taken in several other places.

If the Washington trips are to be continued, it is highly desirable that other methods of raising money be devised. I would recommend that each pupil should early in his course begin to earn and save money for the trip. This would eliminate both of the objectionable features mentioned above, and would be more satisfactory in every respect. It would also be a good training in thrift, a subject which we are now required by law to teach.

With sincere appreciation for the kindness which has been accorded me on every hand, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. ATWELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Hopedale, Mass., Feb. 1, 1916.

Report of Truant Officer.

HOPEDALE, MASS., JAN. 29, 1916.

MR. F. G. ATWELL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Dear Sir:—Six cases of truancy have required the services of the truant officers the past year.

The laws in regard to the employment of minors have been properly observed by the various manufacturers.

WARREN F. GASKILL,

Truant Officer.



CHRISTMAS TREE DUTCHER STREET SCHOOLS

TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1915.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	DATE OF APPOINT- MENT.	PREPARATION.
High, Principal, 1st Assistant, 2nd Assistant, Dutcher street, Principal, Grade 8, Grade 7, Grade 6, Grade 5, Grade 4, Grade 3, Grade 2, Grade 1,	Arthur C. Johnson, Lucy E. Day, Vivian B. Bowman, Harriet L. Haven, Mary E. Folsom, Blanche E. Lyons, Helene H. Parker, Florence Lyons, Harriet B. Thayer, Mary A. Billings, Elsie L. Barber, Mabel F. Andrew,	Sept., 1913. Oct., 1909. Sept., 1915. Sept., 1914. Sept., 1909. Sept., 1912. Sept., 1915. Feb., 1914. Sept., 1907. Sept., 1906. Sept., 1914. June, 1897.	Harvard University. Smith College. Boston University. Smith College. Sanborn Seminary. Bennington High School. Plymouth Normal School. North Adams Normal. Normal Art School. Dean Academy. Willimantic Normal. Wheelock School.
Park Street, Principal, Grade 2, Grade 1,	Esther C. Hendricks, Grace G. Davis, Mary E. Hagar,	Sept., 1909. Sept., 1914. Sept., 1914.	Worcester Normal. Framingham Normal. Fitchburg Normal.
South Hopedale, Assistant, Special Teachers, Music, Assistant, Drawing, Cooking and Sewing, Wood-working,	Kathryn A. Beaton, Verena R. Springer, Lillian E. Wood, Mrs. F. B. Arey, Isabella M. Hirst, Florence Bennett, Dana Stanley	Sept., 1912. Sept., 1912. Sept., 1899. Oct., 1914. Sept., 1914. Sept., 1913. Jan., 1912.	Hyannis Summer School. Mendon High School. Private Instruction. Private Instruction. Normal Art School. Y. W. C. A. School of D. S. Sloyd Training School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1915-1916.

SCHOOLS.	SCHOOL YEAR.	FALL TERM, 1915.		WINTER TERM, 1916.		SPRING TERM, 1916.	
		Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,
Lower Grades,	36 weeks,	Sept. 13	Dec. 17	Jan. 3	March 17	April 3	June 16
Grades 7, 8, 9,	38 weeks,	Sept. 7	Dec. 17	Jan. 3	March 24	April 3	June 16
High School,	40 weeks,	Sept. 7	Dec. 17	Dec. 27 (1915)	March 24	April 3	June 23

Holidays:—

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, February 22, April 19, and May 30.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1916-1917.

SCHOOLS.	SCHOOL YEAR.	FALL TERM, 1916.		WINTER TERM, 1917		SPRING TERM, 1917.	
		Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,
Lower Grades,	36 weeks,	Sept. 11	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 16	April 2	June 15
Grades 7, 8, 9,	38 weeks,	Sept. 4	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 23	April 2	June 15
High School,	40 weeks,	Sept. 4	Dec. 22	Jan. 1	March 23	April 2	June 22

Holidays:—

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, February 22, April 19, and May 30.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS.

The no-school signal is 2-2-2-2.

Given at 7.45 A. M., it closes all grades for the forenoon, and the high school for the day.

Given at 8.15 A. M., it closes all schools below the high school for the forenoon.

Given at 12.30 P. M., it closes all the grades for the afternoon. It is important to note the time at which the signal is heard.

STATISTICAL TABLE, SEPTEMBER, 1914, TO JUNE, 1915.

	Total Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Aggregate Attendance.	Days of Actual Schooling.	Under 5 years of Age.	5 to 7 years of Age.	7 to 14 years of Age.	14 to 16 years of Age.	Over 16 years of Age.	Total Days of Absence.	Instances of Tardiness.	Of Dismissal.	Number of Truants.	Cases of Corporal Punishment.	Visits by Superintendent.	By School Physician.	By Others.
High School	59	53.60	51.40	95.90	9651	188	0	0	4	25	30	414	138	150	0	0	42	1	53
Grade IX	27	25.19	24.07	95.40	4269	177	0	0	19	7	1	194	94	35	4	2	41	3	20
Grade VIII	33	28.56	27.78	97.26	4917	177	0	0	22	11	1	174	41	30	4	4	31	1	6
Grade VII	36	34.10	32.36	94.82	5727	177	0	0	26	9	1	282	144	40	3	0	29	0	18
Grade VI	40	40.20	38.39	95.48	6430	167.5	0	0	37	2	1	282	32	38	0	1	13	1	22
Grade V	37	34.92	33.48	95.92	5608	167.5	0	0	36	1	0	207	22	45	2	4	21	0	7
Grade IV	35	35.83	34.22	95.51	5731	167.5	0	0	35	0	0	262	31	21	3	0	12	1	16
Grade III A	26	23.59	25.19	97.11	4198	166.5	0	0	26	0	0	145	2	8	0	0	3	0	38
Grade III B	19	16.56	15.60	94.20	2613	167.5	0	0	19	0	0	144	70	2	0	0	10	1	10
Grade II A	34	29.49	26.38	89.45	4392	166.5	0	14	20	0	0	415	24	5	0	0	7	0	46
Grade II B	26	25.38	22.93	90.35	3820	167.5	0	12	14	0	0	392	44	8	0	0	14	0	6
Grade I A	40	36.48	32.55	89.22	5452	167.5	3	29	8	0	0	649	33	2	0	0	5	1	22
Grade I B	39	34.65	30.89	89.99	5174	167.5	0	33	6	0	0	568	62	4	0	0	10	1	19
South Hopedale	27	24.70	22.88	92.44	3832	167.5	0	7	20	0	0	283	46	5	0	3	14	0	34
Summaries and Averages	478	443.25	418.12	94.33	718.14	171.7	3	95	292	55	33	4411	783	393	11	17	252	10	317

ATTENDANCE DATA.

RANK OF SCHOOLS BASED ON PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE.

Miss Folsom,	Grade Eight,	97.26
Miss Billings,	Grade Three,	97.11
Miss Florence Lyons,	Grade Five,	95.92
Mr. Johnson,	High School,	95.90
Miss Thayer,	Grade Four,	95.51
Miss Hendricks,	Grade Six,	95.48
Miss Haven,	Grade Nine,	95.40
Miss Blanche Lyons,	Grade Seven,	94.82
Miss Barber,	Grade Three B,	94.20
Miss Beaton,	South Hopedale,	92.44
Miss Davis,	Grade Two B,	90.35
Miss Hager,	Grade One B,	89.99
Miss Merriam,	Grade Two,	89.45
Miss Andrew,	Grade One,	89.22
Average for Town, 1914-1915,		94.33
Average for Town, 1913-1914,		92.73

RANK OF SCHOOLS BASED ON DAYS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Miss Billings,	Grade Three,	80 days
Miss Folsom,	Grade Eight,	74 days
Miss Barber,	Grade Three B,	49 days
Miss Thayer,	Grade Four,	40 days
Miss Florence Lyons,	Grade Five,	39 days
Miss Beaton,	South Hopedale,	35 days
Miss Haven,	Grade Nine,	30 days
Miss Hendricks,	Grade Six,	29 days
Miss Davis,	Grade Two B,	26 days
Miss Blanche Lyons,	Grade Seven,	23 days
Miss Merriam,	Grade Two,	21 days
Mr. Johnson,	High School,	19 days
Miss Andrews,	Grade One,	16 days
Miss Hager,	Grade One B,	9 days

TWENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL GRADUATION
 OF HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL,

TOWN HALL,

Thursday Evening, June 24, 1915,

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

MUSIC—Welcome, Heroes of Renown.....*Mendelssohn*
 HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS.

INVOCATION,

REV. RICHARD PETERS.

MUSIC—Excelsior*Schnecker*
 HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS.

ADDRESS

DR. JAMES CHALMERS.

MUSIC—To the Revels, Away.....*Verdi*

Darby Lullaby*Dvorak*
 HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

MUSIC—Selections from Lohengrin*Wagner*
 HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS.

RECEPTION TO GRADUATING CLASS.

GRADUATES.

JEANNE BUTTERWORTH,

MILLIE CATHERINE NELSON,

HAROLD RALPH DAY,

MORTIMER CORBETT DENNETT,

DONALD ANDREW McCASLIN,

ANDREW LAURENCE MARTIN,

RAYMOND ALDEN PIPER,

HAROLD EDWIN SPAULDING.

CLASS OFFICERS.

President, ANDREW LAURENCE MARTIN.

Vice-President, JEANNE BUTTERWORTH.

Treasurer, MORTIMER CORBETT DENNETT.

Class Motto—Age Quod Agis.

Class Colors—Blue and Gold.

Class Flower—Ward Rose.

SIXTH ANNUAL

PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

BY

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL,

TOWN HALL,

Friday Evening, May 7, 1915.

PROGRAMME.

Victory *Hayes*

HIGH SCHOOL.

The La Rue Stakes *Hood*

ARTHUR D. SWEET.

The Last Class *Daudet*

DOROTHY W. ATWELL.

Oh Lovely Night *Offenbach*

The Lake *Abt*

HIGH SCHOOL.

First Bunker Hill Oration *Webster*

DONALD A. MCCASLIN.

Introducing Jimmy *Porter*

LOIS E. ALBEE.

To An Evening Star *Wagner*

MABEL L. AREY.

Ray's Ride*King*

STANLEY N. MCCASLIN.

Ardelia In Arcady*Daskham*

JEANNE BUTTERWORTH.

Forget-me-not*Giese*

HIGH SCHOOL.

The Goodwood Plunger*Davis*

E. CLIFTON BURNHAM, JR.

The One Hundredth and Oneth Stitch*Donnell*

HELEN H. STIMPSON.

Songs

HIGH SCHOOL.

Award of Prizes

JUDGES.

CHESTER F. WILLIAMS, ESQ.,

REV. A. N. FOSTER,

PRIN. ROY V. SWAIN.

Thirtieth Annual Report
—OF THE—
Bancroft Memorial Library,
Hopedale, Massachusetts,
—FOR THE—
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915.

TRUSTEES.

FRANK H. FRENCH,	Term expires 1916.
ANNA M. BANCROFT, Chairman,	Term expires 1917.
MRS. EDWARD L. OSGOOD,	Term expires 1918.

LIBRARIAN AND SECRETARY FOR THE TRUSTEES.
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER, July 1898.

ASSISTANTS.

MARION FISHER,	MARJORIE R. ROCKWOOD,
JEANNE BUTTERWORTH,	DOROTHY ATWELL,
CLIFTON BURNHAM.	

JANITOR.

*F. A. SPAULDING, July, 1905—July, 1915.
WALTER R. MEADE, July, 1915—

SOUTH HOPEDALE BRANCH.

LIBRARIAN.

MRS. A. F. W. SMITH, March, 1903—Aug., 1904.
Sept., 1910—

*Resigned.

The trustees wish to impress upon the inhabitants of the town that a public library is the proper place in which to deposit any manuscript or printed matter of any kind whether book, pamphlet, report, notice, poster, handbill or newspaper, that contains any direct or indirect reference to Hopedale. If each citizen will bear this in mind, and do his share in the matter, the library will eventually contain a more complete history of our town than can be made in any other way.

The trustees will furthermore welcome any suggestion that will in any way increase the usefulness of the library.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library respectfully submit the thirtieth annual report and the fifteenth from the present building.

We are following the plan adopted eight years ago and we call your attention to the report of the librarian, which gives our statistics of the year 1915 with some comparative figures of former years, also a report of certain other things which have come directly under her supervision.

The circulation for 1916 was 29,779 volumes, the largest in the history of the library. The population of the town has also increased so that the per capita circulation for the year is 11.61 per cent.

The circulation at the So. Hopedale Branch seems to have grown by leaps and bounds, under the painstaking labor of Mrs. Smith, there being an average increase of two hundred a year for the past five years. Mrs. Smith generously entertained at her home the South Worcester Library Club on October 26. A live active librarian is a necessary asset to the success of any library work and, conversely, no library can be a success without such a worker.

Because of the donation of many magazines from Mrs. Edward L. Osgood, it has been possible to supply our branch much more generously than for several years past.

Great effort is being made by the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts to obtain an increase and closer co-operation between the libraries and the schools. In our own town, every possible thing is done by our able librarian to carry out this plan and in a few cases the teachers have made a remarkably fine response. Continued effort will be made to bring about a greater co-operation. Books are nearly always purchased for our shelves, when they are desired for any of the work of the teachers, and sugges-

tions are requested from them that will in any way make our library more helpful to them.

The Trustees wish to express their appreciation of all gifts received during the year. The building has many times been brightened by the flowers from Mrs. Lilla Bancroft Bracken. Some of the finest illustrated books that are published for children have been presented by Miss Helen Howard Draper and are of interest to every one who visits the library.

The illness of Mr. Spaulding made it necessary for the trustees to accept his resignation as janitor on July 7, appreciating all the good work he had done. Mr. Walter Meade was elected to fill the vacancy and the trustees are much gratified it is possible for him to be of real assistance to the librarian, besides doing his other work in a most satisfactory manner.

The increasing interest of the children, who fully appreciate the privilege of sitting at the little table prepared for them, has made the trustees feel that the efficiency of the library would be much increased if a children's room could be provided. The plan of allowing the interest from some of our special funds to accumulate till such a room can be made possible is now under consideration.

We respectfully recommend \$3,300 and the proceeds of the dog tax for the expenses of the coming year.

ANNA M. BANCROFT,

For the Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The librarian respectfully submits the ninth annual report :

CIRCULATION.

The total circulation for the year has been 29,779 volumes, a gain over last year of 1,998 volumes, and of 15,459 volumes, or 52 per cent. over 1900 the first complete year in this building. The average circulation for each of the 304 days the main library has been open was 86 books. The issue of books on Sunday has been as always very small, 114 volumes in all. The largest day was November 2, with 199 books loaned, while the smallest was June 16 with only 27. The juvenile circulation was 26 per cent. of the whole as against 22 per cent. last year. The per cent. of fiction circulated was 74, of which 37 per cent. was the newer one week fiction.

READING AND REFERENCE ROOMS.

The reading and reference rooms and children's table were used by 9,219 visitors—a gain over last year of 1049 due to the generous use of the new children's table. The records for the year show that 720 people made use of the Reading and Reference rooms on Sunday. Of these 349 came as readers and 371 for Victrola Concerts. During the 304 week days and 21 Sundays that the Library was open for reading the attendance averaged 30 visitors on week days and 17 on Sundays.

The Victrola Concerts have been continued on the first Sunday of each month beginning with November and this year ending with the last Sunday in March, rather than the first in April which was Easter. The following people in the order named kindly took charge of the concerts, each using his own records with the library

Victrola: Mr. Walter Leary; Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Ball; Miss Mary Knight; Mr. William W. Knights; Mrs. Charles S. Howard; Mr. Robert Jamieson. The total attendance has been 371 as against 296 last year.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

The library has added 395 books this year and replaced 46 worn copies. Nearly one fourth of the books purchased were for the children and if we are to meet this growing demand, an even larger proportion of the books added next year must be of this class.

With the "Sarah M. Whipple Fund" forty-six books of real reading interest were put into the children's hands. These formed a half of all the juveniles purchased.

The Bancroft Fund has furnished the New International Year Book as in years past. Also a beautifully illustrated edition of the Bible in three volumes printed in large, clear type on India paper, and known as the Hinkley Bible. On January 12 and 13, 1916, the private library of Adin Ballou, including many important books and pamphlets relating to the Hopedale Community, was sold at public auction in Boston. The income from the Bancroft Fund was used to purchase two manuscript books of great value to the collection of Hopedale history. These were the Funeral Register kept by Adin Ballou from 1821 to June 1, 1890 containing a record in four volumes of 2,603 deaths, and the Marriage Register also four volumes in Adin Ballou's handwriting of 1,194 marriages he himself performed from 1823—1889. The bound water color plans for an Educational Home in Hopedale with the prospectus written by Adin Ballou bearing the date 1852, completes the list of books which could be bought with the 1915 income but two important pamphlets were included "The Compact of the Practical Christian Church in Hopedale, organized Jan. 29, 1860" and "The Constitution, resolves, by-laws and regulations of the Hopedale Community," printed in 1849.

On December 31, 1915 there remained unexpended from the original \$500, and accrued interest, given by the late General Draper in 1900, \$80.17 During the year three volumes listed elsewhere have been bought, making 209 volumes purchased to date.

Miss Helen Howard Draper has given 18 volumes to the library this year, eleven of which were beautifully illustrated juvenile books presented in December as a Christmas greeting to the children to be used at their table.

Miss Grace Dutcher has given five numbers of "The Journal of American History" containing the file of the past two years.

Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Edward L. Osgood have most generously remembered the South Hopedale Branch and the "Give Away Table" with gifts of papers and magazines.

The twenty Italian books loaned the library in November 1914 by the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts circulated 42 times during this year and a new set was loaned from the same source in October. While often issued early in the year the call has been gradually diminishing since about the time Italy entered the war. The total circulation for the year, of books in a foreign language, has been 65.

The library of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst loaned us a collection of fifteen agricultural books and pamphlets which had a very creditable circulation at the South Hopedale Branch.

SOUTH HOPEDALE BRANCH.

Any feeling of elation over our increased circulation must be shared very materially with Mrs. Smith and her work at the Branch. Again she has exceeded all previous records in circulating 3,510 volumes, a gain of 642 volumes over last year and of 1,345 volumes over the record of five years ago.

The library has been open 52 days, for an hour and a half each Friday, with an average circulation each day of 67.5 volumes. The card holders have been increased by 17, the total number being 118 on December 31.

Mrs. Smith has given added proof of her interest in the Branch work by entertaining on October 26 at her home the Southern Worcester Library Club, when twenty-eight from neighboring towns listened to a very interesting talk on "Library Advertising" given by Mr. John A. Lowe, agent of the Free Public Library Commission. The formal meeting was followed by a social

hour with light refreshments, and a general inspection of the Branch equipment.

WORK WITH CHILDREN.

More than ever before has the alcove where the children's books are placed become this year a miniature children's room. In March a low table with small chairs was placed in the alcove. This table planned to accommodate five has very often served nine and on rainy days the alcove steps for individual tables and stools for chairs have forced the limit of expansion to thirteen. For use at this table is a special collection of some thirty books not circulated, and three magazines, also some building blocks and picture puzzles some of historical and geographical interest—and some of simple interest. While no separate record has been kept of the use made of this table yet it has seemed sufficiently large and appreciative to warrant serious consideration of a children's room quite by itself as a desirable addition in the not too distant future.

As in years past each pupil in the sixth grade has been taught to use the St. Nicholas Index and the juvenile card catalogue. The Freshmen from the High School have had instruction at the library in the use of Poole's Index and the general catalogue.

Again this year our Victrola was used during the summer story hour for grades III, IV, V and VI. Eight stories from the Odyssey were told by the librarian with a total attendance of 166. The third grade held its record of last year and had the largest number present. The following children heard every story: Esther Martin, grade III; Ella Wright and William Smith, grade V; Charlotte Arey as a visitor.

A much greater use has been made of the school card this year than for several years past. This so called school card is to aid the teachers in securing one of the chief tools of her trade and gives to each one the privilege of drawing just as many books as desired for school use to be kept four weeks without the necessity of renewal and then subject to an extension of two weeks more. During the year 711 volumes have been drawn on this card. Especially would I commend the work done in grades IV and VII in the way of teaching the children what to read in using the library. In

grade VII the boys during the hour each week when the girls were having sewing, gave their time to the individual reading of library books selected by the teacher and drawn on the school card. This hour, with any extra time each wished to give outside, accomplished in fifteen weeks the reading of 81 worth while books by 18 pupils.

Again we would express our pleasure in being allowed to select books for individual children or to help parents in making a selection.

LOCAL HISTORY.

The systematic arrangement and cataloguing of the local history material already collected, which was begun last summer was practically completed this summer and is now ready to go to the bindery. Again we would speak of the incompleteness of the collection and ask the people of the town to place here in the library any material which they may have relating to the town, its people and their activities.

Miss Bailey has made three valuable additions to the collection, one an invitation to a "Social Gathering of the Young People of Hopedale" held at the Chapel, March 14, 1857, the other two programmes of more recent date.

The Draper Company on application from the library for missing numbers of "Cotton Chats" gave us a complete file already bound. They are always especially thoughtful in furnishing the collection with copies of periodicals which contain articles on Hopedale.

Mrs. Susan Whitney has given us a copy of the "Constitution and by-laws of the Hopedale Community as revised and approved July 10, 1850" also the "Dedication Programme of the Hopedale Meeting House Nov. 15, 1860."

Mr. Adin Messinger has also remembered us with material of historic value though but two pieces were purely local in interest.

The valuable addition to this collection purchased at the public auction in January 1916 with the income from the Bancroft Fund will be found described in detail under that Fund as given in the section "Books and Magazines."

EXHIBITS.

The Library Art Club has sent thirteen exhibits as follows:
 Van Dyck; Studies of Animals; Venice VI; Verona II; Tunis;
 Balkan War; Iron and Steel; Kate Greenaway; Salem doorways;
 Village homes of England; Panama Canal; Lumbering; French
 Chateaux.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER,

Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915.

Receipts:—

Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Proceeds dog tax	167 09	
Fines	69 53	
Books sold, etc.	32 29	
Gen. Draper money	8 50	
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		\$3,277 41

Expenditures:—

Books:—

Appropriation	\$371 75	
Gen. Draper money	8 50	
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		\$380 25
Periodicals	150 30	
Binding	99 41	
Salaries	1,902 43	
Lighting	108 72	
Heating	255 25	

Supplies	69 55	
Printing	24 80	
Express	19 02	
Library Art Club	6 00	
Transportation books to South Hope-		
dale branch	6 65	
Catalogue cards	27 50	
Wood ashes	5 50	
Multi binders	6 40	
Car fare	1 66	
Water	39 92	
Pointing fountain	10 80	
Repairs:—		
General	\$33 89	
Electrical	3 00	
Plumbing	44 45	
Heater	10 50	
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Labor	45 06	
Cork carpet	26 27	
	<hr/>	\$3,277 41

STATEMENT OF FUNDS.

NAME	DONOR	Date	Purpose	Principal of Funds	1914 Balance Income Dec. 31	1915 Income	1915 Expended	1915 Balance Dec. 31
Bancroft Fund	{ Joseph B. Bancroft and Sylvia W. Bancroft \$1000 Joseph B. Bancroft \$1000 }	{ Sept. 11 1897 March 9 1910 }	Books	\$2,000.00	0.00	\$ 87.79	\$ 87.31	\$ 0.48
Sarah M. Whipple Fund	Lilla Bancroft Bracken	Oct. 3 1913	Juvenile Books	1,000.00	0.00	43.89	43.89	0.00
Bancroft-Day Fund	Lura Bancroft Day	July 28 1914	Decided by Trustees	5000.00	0.00	219.46	* 203.19	16.27
Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund	Lura Bancroft Day	Oct. 28 1914	Decided by Trustees	20,000.00	0.00	877.86	0.00	877.86
Totals				\$28,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,229.00	\$334.28	\$894.61

*Refinishing floors \$195.19
Funds account book \$8.00

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Books Taken out.		South Hopedale Branch Books Taken out.		Visitors to the Reading Room	
	1914	1915	1914	1915	1914	1915
January,	2,285	2,767	242	360	762	802
February,	2,114	2,359	210	287	695	727
March,	2,435	2,647	139	282	802	960
April,	2,019	2,040	216	294	603	870
May,	1,657	2,083	260	254	554	694
June,	1,617	1,914	221	258	541	619
July,	1,695	1,802	261	316	551	614
August,	1,843	1,839	225	273	589	642
September,	1,953	1,895	216	280	596	722
October,	2,355	2,467	311	348	838	717
November,	2,700	2,482	286	258	953	1,031
December	2,240	1,974	281	300	696	821
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	24,913	26,269	2,868	3,510	8,170	9,219
Total number of books circulated						29,779
Total number of visitors to reading room.....						9,219
Sunday use of reading room						349
Card-holders						1,406
Card-holders registered in 1915						171
Cards withdrawn, 1915						165
Volumes in library, accession book						15,435
Volumes in library by actual count established						12,619
Volumes withdrawn since 1912						76
Volumes re-bound						177
Volumes added during year :—						
By purchase, new						237
By purchase, to replace worn copies						46
By binding						45
By gift, individual						35
By gift, fund						65

By gift of U. S. Government	2
By gift of Massachusetts State Government	11
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GROWTH, SIZE AND USE OF LIBRARY, 1915.

	Volumes added During Year.	Volumes with- drawn Since 1912.	Total Volumes in Li- brary at end of Year.	Volumes Circulated During Year.	So. Hopedale. Hopedale.
Fiction	138	51	4,048	19,952	2,126
Juvenile Fiction	75	19	837	*5,562	*480
Juvenile Classed	15	1	292	*1,611	*103
General	1		29	310	
Periodicals	30		1,331	2,421	1,096
Philosophy	6		156	87	4
Religion	3		261	62	7
Sociology	20		488	184	20
Philology			27	6	2
Natural Science	5		345	194	10
Useful Arts	20	1	553	439	121
Fine Arts	11	1	320	375	26
Literature	13		1,064	588	34
Travel	14	1	663	693	39
Biography	17		691	333	14
History	17	1	890	625	11
Reference	10	1	543		
Curiosities			81		
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	395	76	12,619	26,269	3,510

*Included in general circulation.

BOOKS BOUGHT WITH THE BANCROFT FUND.

Bible, Hinkley ed. 3v.

New International Year Book 1914.

FROM THE SALE OF ADIN BALLOU'S PRIVATE LIBRARY.

Books:—

Adin Ballou's Funeral Register 4v.

Adin Ballou's Marriage Register 4v.

Adin Ballou's Prospectus for the Educational Home in Hopedale
with a series of original plans for the home in water color.

Pamphlets:—

Compact of the Practical Christian Church in Hopedale, or-
ganized Jan. 29, 1860, printed in Hopedale in 1860.Constitution, resolves, by-laws and regulations of the Hopedale
Community, printed in Hopedale in 1849.

BOOKS BOUGHT WITH GEN. DRAPER MONEY.

Franklin, B. A. Experiences in efficiency.

Hool, G. A. Reinforced concrete construction 2v.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

(Those marked * are given.)

(Those marked † were not received during the entire year.)

WEEKLIES.

American Machinist.	Milford Gazette.*
Christian Register.*	Nation.
Christian Science Sentinel.*	Official Gazette.*
Harper's Weekly.	Outlook.
Illustrated London News.	Scientific American.
Life.	Scientific American Supplement.
Literary Digest.	Youth's Companion.

MONTHLIES.

Advocate of Peace.*	Boy's Life.
American Cookery.	Century.
American Illustrated Magazine.	Christian Science Journal.*
American Industries.*	Craftsman.
Atlantic.	Current Opinion.
Bookman.	Delineator.

Education.
 Engineering Magazine.
 Everybody's Magazine.
 Forum.
 Garden Magazine.
 Good Housekeeping.
 Harper's Magazine.
 International Studio.
 Ladies' Home Journal.
 Ladies' World.
 Library Journal.
 Lippincott's Monthly Magazine.
 Little Folk's.
 McCall's Magazine.
 McClure's Magazine.
 Modern Priscilla.
 Motor.
 Munsey.
 Musician.

National Geographic Magazine.
 New England.
 Nineteenth Century.
 North American Review.
 Our Dumb Animals.*
 Outing.
 Pictorial Review.
 Photo-Era.
 Popular Electricity.
 Popular Mechanics.
 Popular Science Monthly.
 Protectionist.*
 Reader's Guide to Periodicals.
 Review of Reviews.
 Scribner's.
 St. Nicholas.
 Technical World Magazine.
 Woman's Home Companion.
 World's Work.

SEMI-MONTHLY.

Dial.

QUARTERLY.

Hibbert Journal.

| Journal of American History.*†

DAILIES.

Boston Herald.
 Boston Evening Transcript.
 Christian Science Monitor.*

Milford Daily Journal.*
 Milford Daily News.*

GIFTS.

Vol. Pam. Per.

American Advocate of Peace			1 yr.
American Association for International Con-			
ciliation		14	
Andreae, Percy	1		
Bancroft, Miss Anna M.			1 yr.

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
Bracken, H. W.	2		
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. . . .		20	
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission		1	
Clark, F. S.		1	2 yrs.
Davis, Mrs. G. H.	2		
Draper Co.			2 yrs.
Draper, Miss Helen H.	18		
Dutcher, Miss Grace M.		5	
Hill, T. E.	3		
Hispania Society of America	1	1	
Lake Mohonk Conference	1	1	

Libraries:—

Andover Public Library	1		
Baltimore, Enoch Pratt Free Library	1		
Beverly Public Library	1		
Bellingham Public Library	1		
Boston Public Library	1		
Brimfield Public Library	1		
Brockton Public Library	1	1 yr.	
Brookline Public Library	1	1 yr.	
Chelsea, Fitz Public Library	1		
Everett, Parlin Memorial	1		
Everett, Shute Memorial Library	1		
Fairhaven, Millicent Library	2	1 yr.	
Grand Rapids Public Library	1		
Greenfield Public Library	1		
Holliston Public Library	1		
Hudson Public Library	1		
Lancaster Town Library	1		
Leominster Public Library	1		
Lynn Public Library	1		
Malden Public Library	1		
Marblehead, Abbot Public Library	1		
Milford Public Library	1		
Milton Public Library	1		

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
Natick, Morse Institute Library		1	
New Bedford Library		1	1 yr.
Newton Free Library		1	
New York Public Library		1	
North Adams Public Library		1	
Peabody Institute Library		1	1 yr.
Providence Public Library		1	
Salem Public Library		1	
Springfield, Public Library			1 yr.
Taunton Public Library		1	
Uxbridge Public Library		1	
Westborough Public Library		1	
Weymouth Tufts Library		1	
Worcester Public Library		1	
Massachusetts Peace Society		5	
Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society			1 yr.
Massachusetts, State of	8	15	
Milford Daily Journal			1 yr.
Milford Daily News			1 yr.
Milford Gazette			1 yr.
National Child Labor Committee		3	
New York Stock Exchange	1		
Norton, O. W.	1		
Parker, B. C. L.	1		
Patrick, Mrs. H. L.	2		
Railway Library	1		
Sargent, Porter E.	1		
Sweet, F. B.	2		
Thayer, Miss Harriet B.	1		
Whitridge, F. W.	1		
World Peace Foundation		4	
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STATISTICS FOR A. L. A.

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Annual report for year ended	Dec. 31, 1915.
Name of library	The Bancroft Memorial
City or town	Hopedale, Massachusetts
Population served (town census 1915)	
Terms of use	Free for lending and reference
Total number of agencies	Central library and one branch
Number of days open during the year (Central library)	304
Hours for lending (Central library)	34½ hrs.—7 months; 37½ hrs.—5 months
Hours for reading (Central library)	34½ hrs.—7 months; 37½ hrs.—5 months

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year			12,148
Number of volumes added by purchase..			283
Number of volumes added by gift.....			113
Number of volumes added by binding....			45
Number of volumes withdrawn.....	51	20	71
Total number at end of year.....	11,490	1,129	12,619
Pamphlets	No pamphlet record		
Maps, etc.	Nothing		

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	16,036	6,042	22,078
Total number of volumes lent for home use.....	22,023	7,756	29,779

Number of volumes sent to
agencies

711 to schools

Prints, Music rolls

None in library

Music circulation. (Books entire-
ly)

Not separate from rest of 700

Number of borrowers registered

171 Central library—17 branch

Total borrowers registered

1235 Central library—118 branch

Registration period

Until death or removal from town

Number of newspapers, periodi-
cals currently received

72

Number of persons using reading
and reference rooms

9219

Receipts from

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Endowment Funds...	1,229 00
Fines, sale of books etc.	101 82
Dog Tax	167 09
Gen. Draper money ..	8 50

Total \$4,506 41

Payments for

Books	\$511 45
Periodicals	150 30
Binding	99 41
Salaries, library service and janitor ser- vice	1,902 43
Heat	255 25
Light	108 72
Other maintenance ..	584 24
Balance (Funds)	894 61

Total \$4,506 41

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